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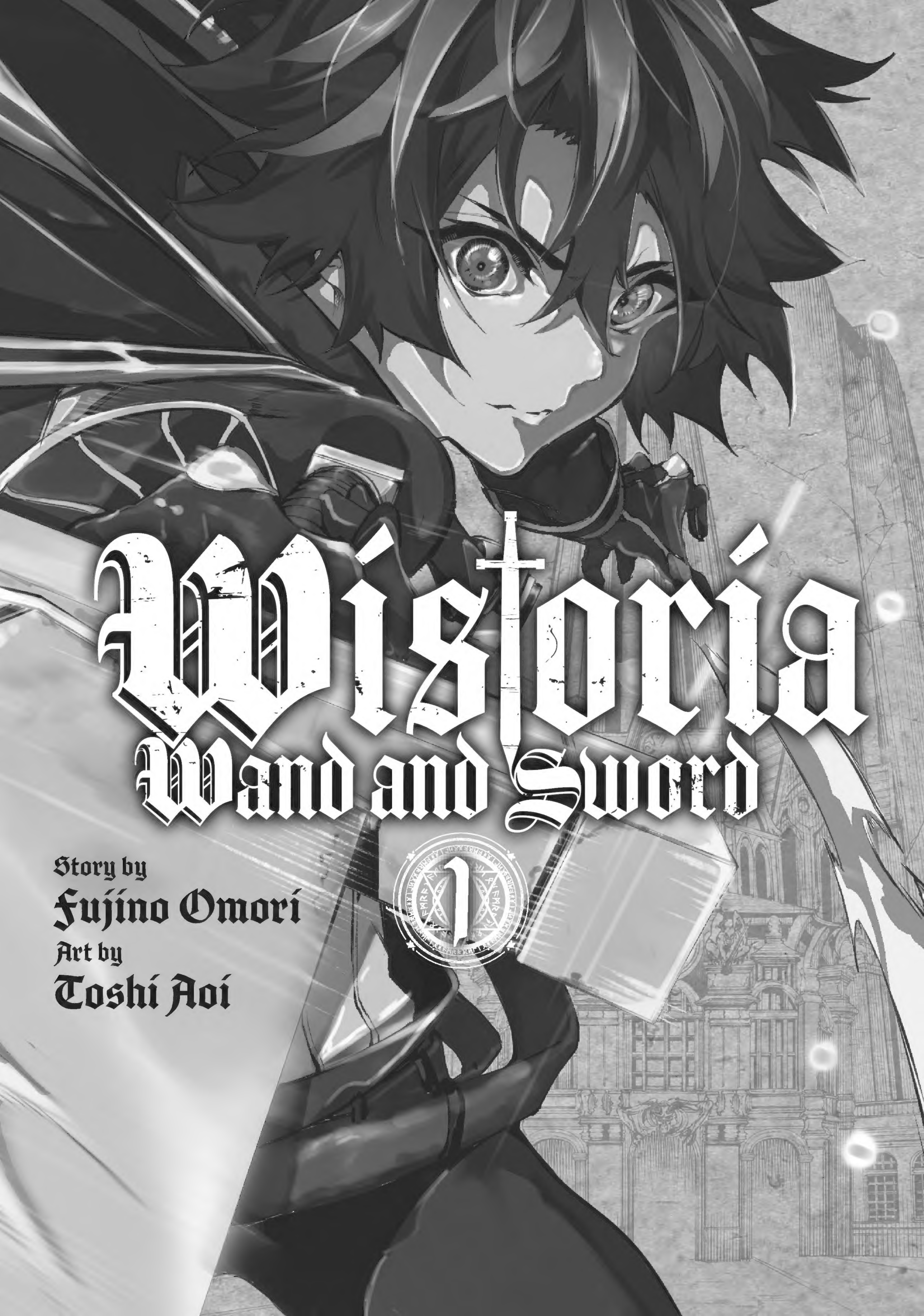
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WHY, MAGICAL ABILITY, OF COURSE.

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE PEOPLE AT AN ILLUSTRIOUS MAGICAL ACADEMY VALUE MOST?

...EVER HOPE TO WORK HIS WAY UP IN THE ACADEMY?

SO HOW CAN A GUY WITHOUT A DROP OF MAGIC, A SO-CALLED NO-TALENT...

HE CAN...

I'LL TELL YOU HOW...

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I CAN MAKE IT IF I TRY HARD ENOUGH!
I CAN MAKE IT, TOO...

WHO NEEDS MAGIC?!
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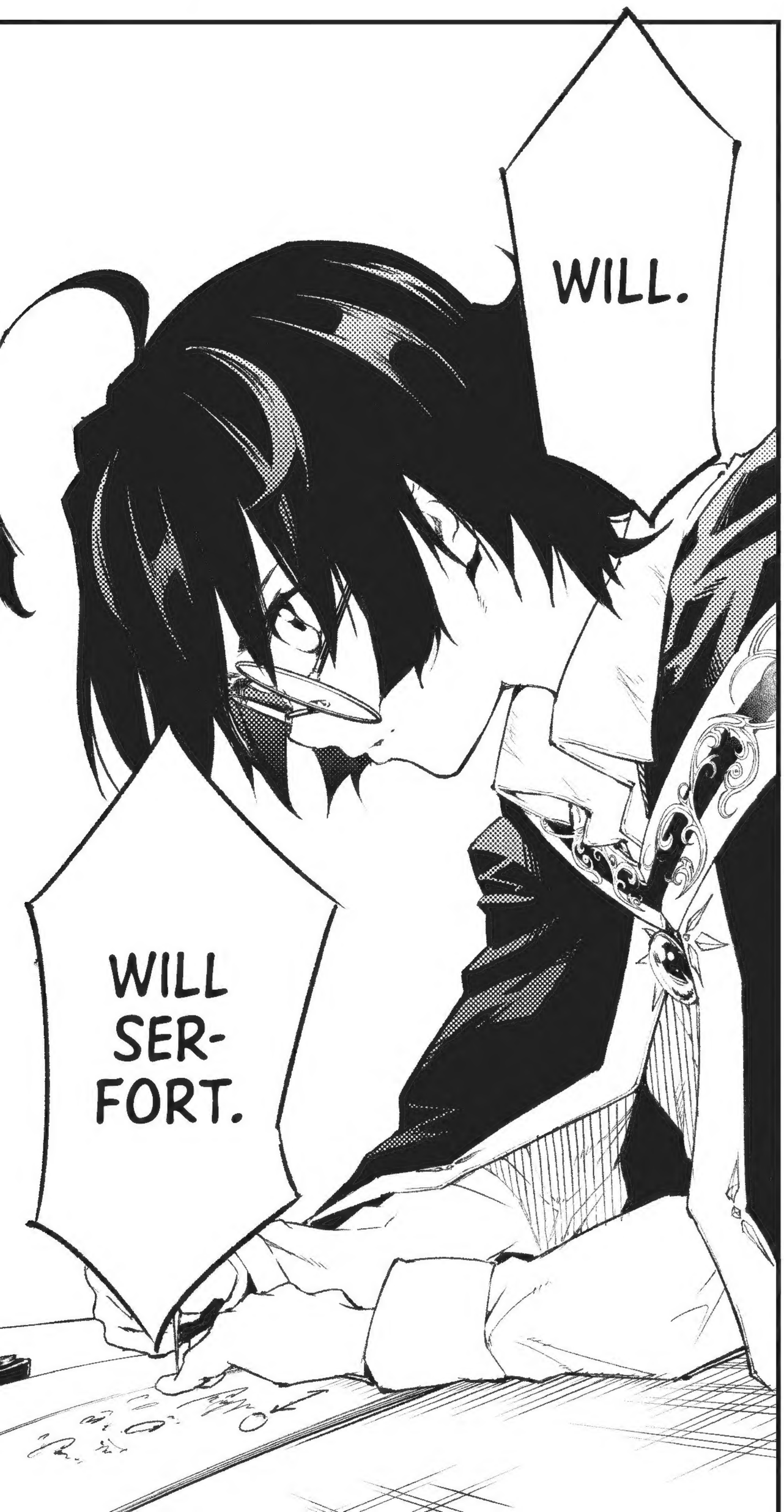

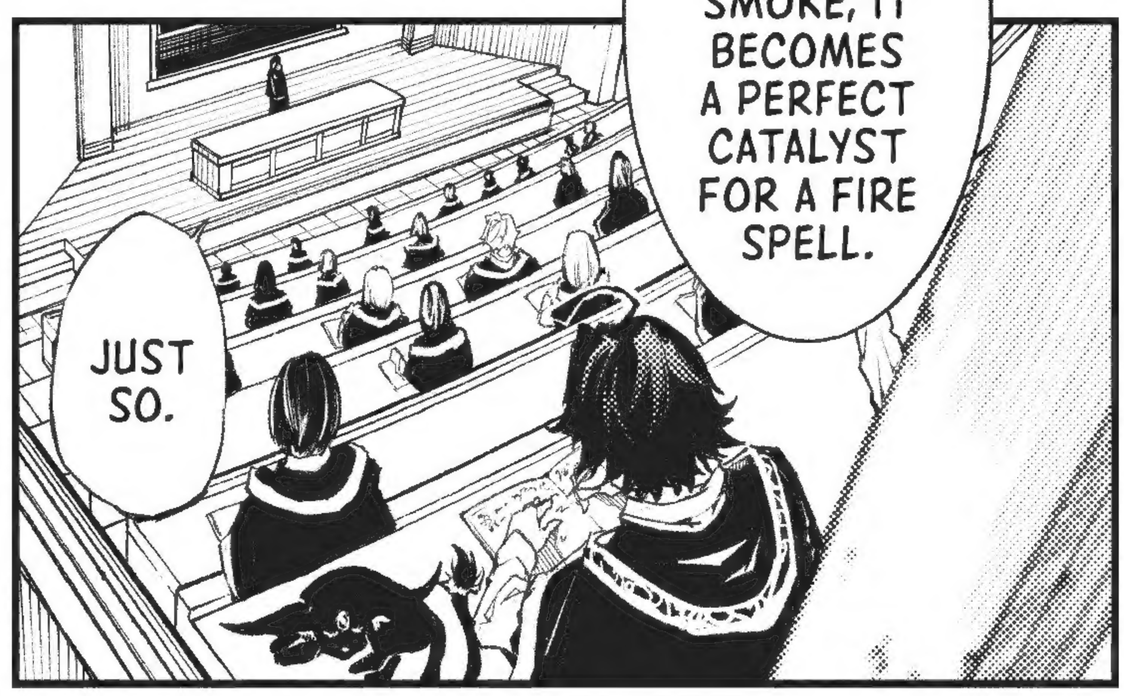

WHAT WAS THE QUESTION, PROFESSOR EDWARD...?

SIR!

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ACK!

CLATR

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Mrar!

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WHACK

WILL SER-FORT!

I'M ASKING YOU TO COME UP HERE AND DEMONSTRATE FOR US.

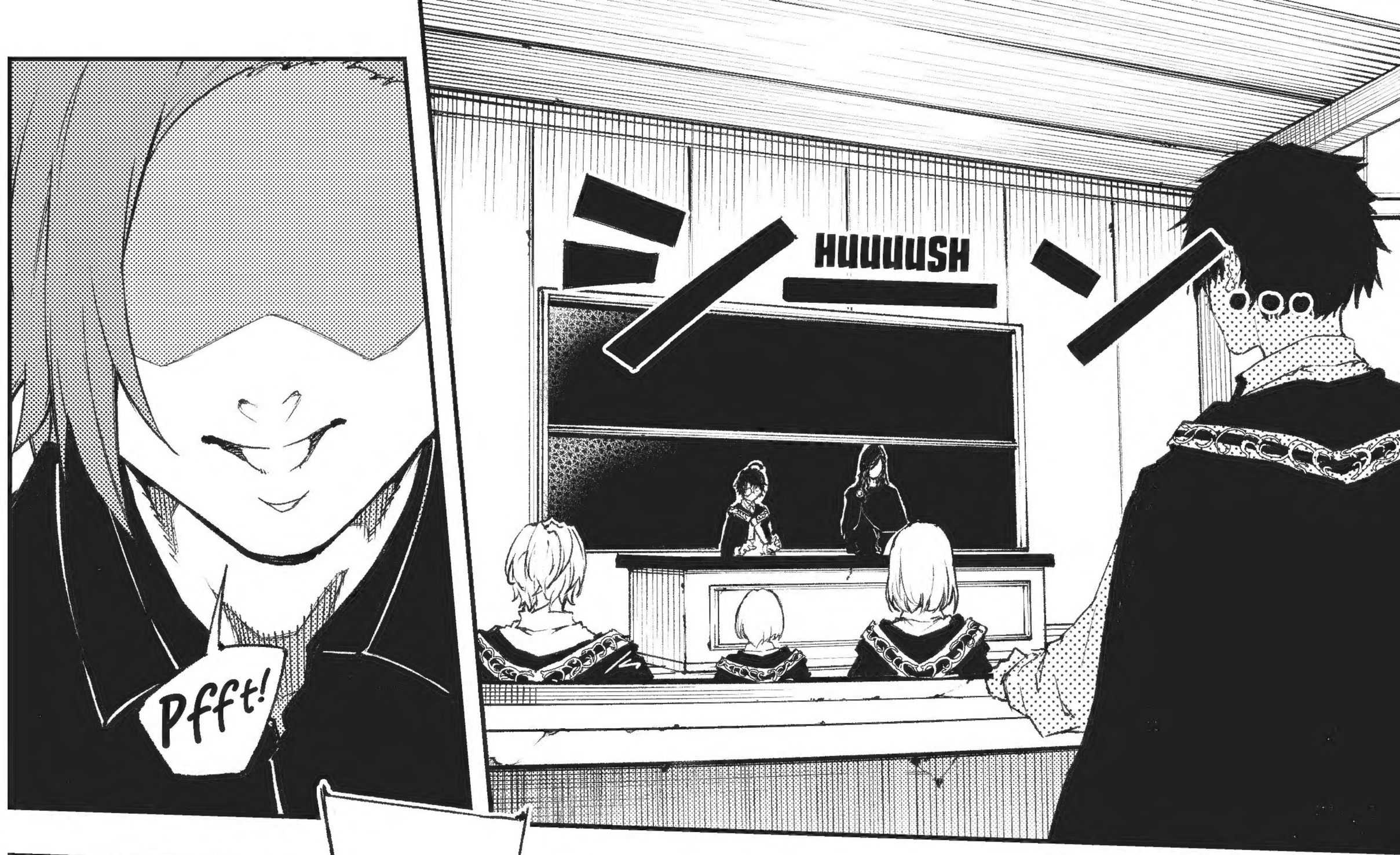
Edward Serfence — Professor
Regarden Magical Academy

YES, SIR...

NOT AGAIN...

UH...

WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE TROUBLE?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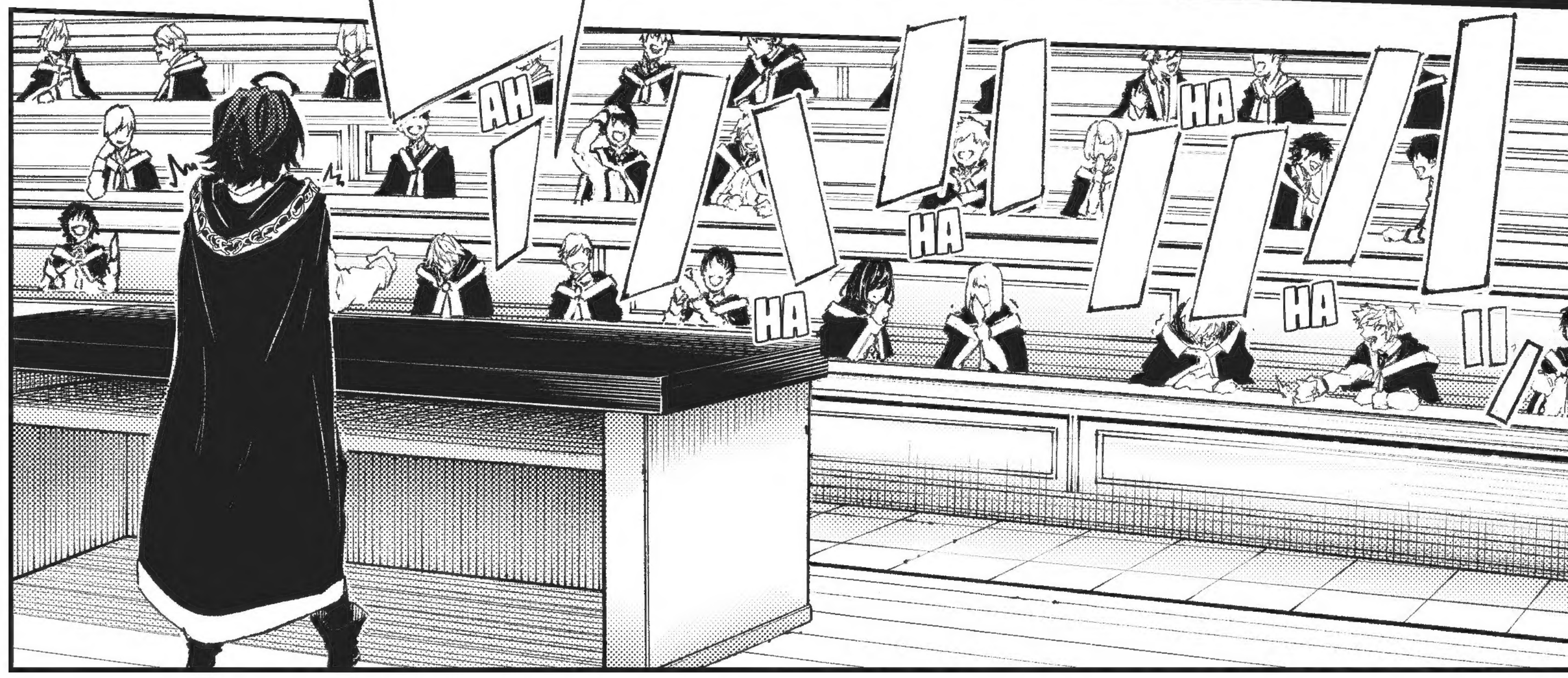
HUUUUSH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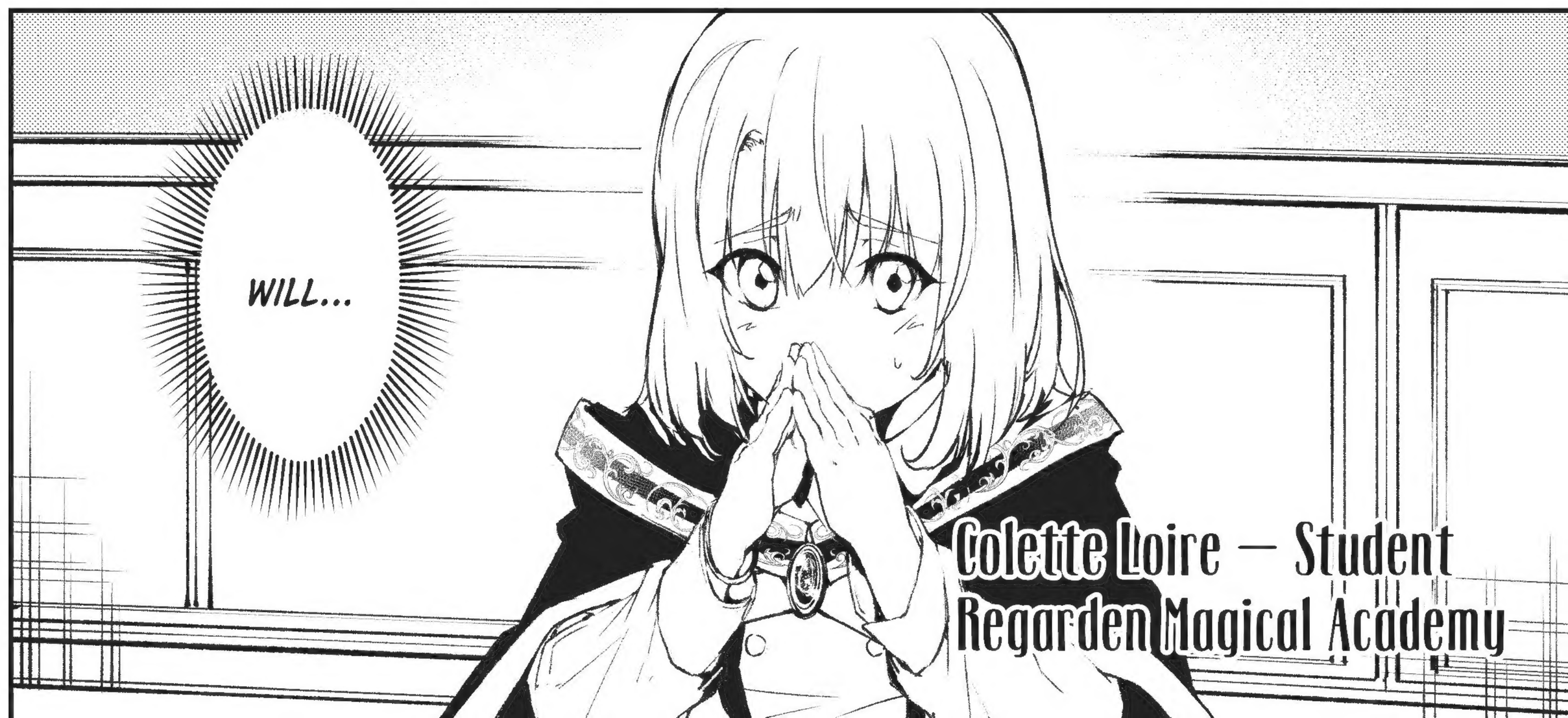
WILL...
Colette Loire — Student
Regarden Magical Academy

I MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED AS MUCH FROM A MERE OVER-ACHIEVING BOOK LEARNER*. HOW *UTTERLY* HOPELESS.

MY, MY...

TO THINK THAT A STUDENT AT OUR PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMY WOULD BE INCAPABLE OF PERFORMING SUCH A RUDIMENTARY SPELL.

*SOMEONE WITH THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE OF MAGIC, BUT LITTLE OR NO PRACTICAL ABILITY.

HEH !!

SIZZZ

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WE CAN DO WITHOUT THE SHOWMANSHIP...

...SION ULSTER.

SORRY, PROFESSOR.

IT JUST LOOKED LIKE WILL WAS STRUGGLING.

I THOUGHT I'D STEP IN FOR HIM INSTEAD.

HMPH.

WELL, THIS WILL DO QUITE NICELY.

BWOOM

BWOOM

Sion Ulster — Student
Regarden Magical Academy

...IN THIS WORLD, MAGIC REIGNS SUPREME.

KRAK

AS YOU ALL JUST SAW...

FWOOM

FWOOM

AND IN THIS ACADEMY, MAGICAL TALENT IS VALUED ABOVE ALL ELSE.

OUR HEROES ARE MAGES.

MAGIC MEANS STRENGTH.

MAGIC MEANS AUTHORITY.

FOOLS WHO CLING TO IMPOSSIBLE DREAMS... SHOULD LEAVE THIS ACADEMY ***IMMEDIATELY.***

...ARE UNWORTHY TO STAND IN THIS CRADLE OF LEARNING.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH ***THEORY*** THEY MIGHT POSSESS, THOSE WHO LACK THE TALENT TO CAST EVEN THE MOST BASIC SPELLS...

NICE ONE, FLUNKEE. ANOTHER STUNNING PERFOR-MANCE!
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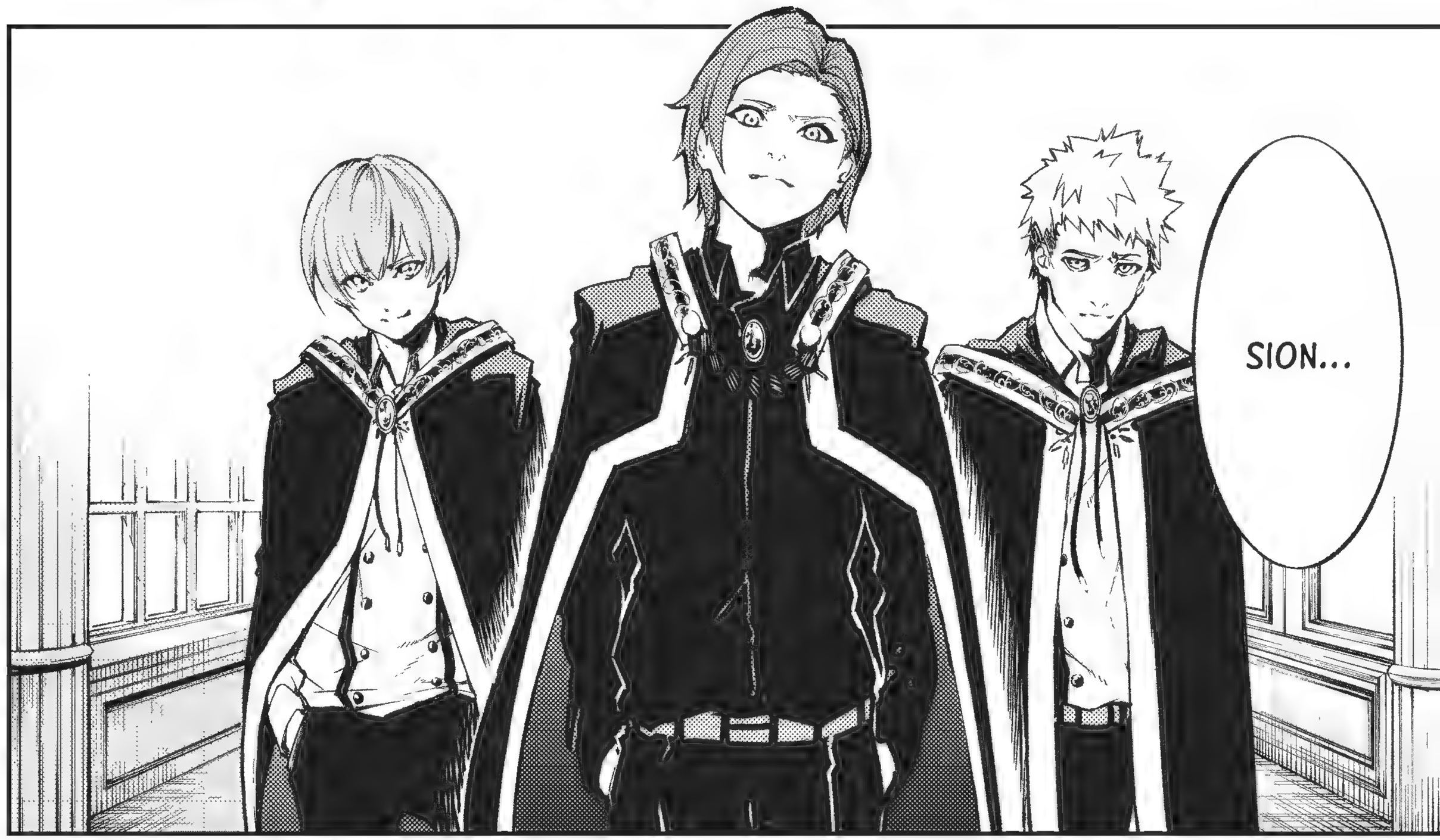
SION...

IMAGINE HAVING TO BEAT UP WEAK LITTLE MONSTERS JUST TO SCRAPE TOGETHER SOME CREDITS. HOW EMBARASSING.

...I HEARD YOU WENT TO THE DUNGEON AGAIN.

ギッ HNGH

LEAVE HIM ALONE!

ZSH

WILL WORKS HARDER THAN ANYBODY, AND HE'S *MUCH* NICER THAN YOU!
WHA–
BAM
COLETTE...!
SO STOP TRYING TO PUT MY FRIEND DOWN!
HMPH.
HA HA HA!

...MUCH LESS...
PAT

WHO ARE YOU KIDDING? WORKING HARD AND BEING NICE WON'T MAKE SOMEONE A GREAT MAGE...

...A MAGIA VANDER.

ANY-WAY.
LET'S NOT WASTE ANY MORE TIME ON A NO-TALENT LIKE HIM.

PROFESSOR EDWARD WAS RIGHT. HE'S GOT NO BUSINESS BEING AT THIS ACADEMY.
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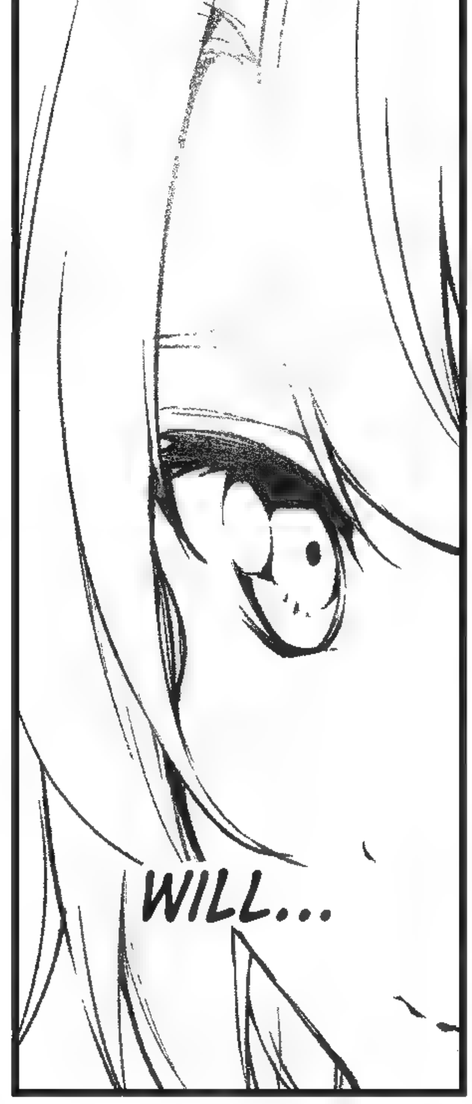
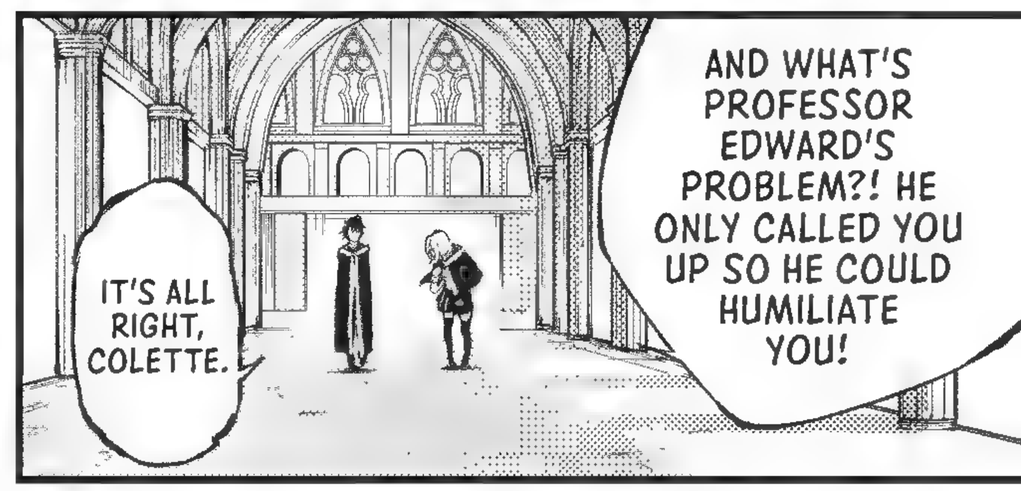

WILL...

I MEAN, HE WASN'T WRONG. I *CAN'T* DO ANY MAGIC...

DON'T LET THEM GET TO YOU!


IT'S ALL RIGHT, COLETTE.
AND WHAT'S PROFESSOR EDWARD'S PROBLEM?! HE ONLY CALLED YOU UP SO HE COULD HUMILIATE YOU!

BESIDES, I'M ACTUALLY PRETTY LUCKY... IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A CUTE GIRL GOES TO THE TROUBLE OF WORRYING ABOUT YOU.
アハハハ...

カアア BLUSH
WHA-

I WAS JUST BEING HONEST, THOUGH. YOU *ARE* CUTE. I WASN'T TRYING TO TEASE YOU OR ANYTHING.

S-SORRY, COLETTE. YOU'RE THE ONLY FRIEND I HAVE, SO...

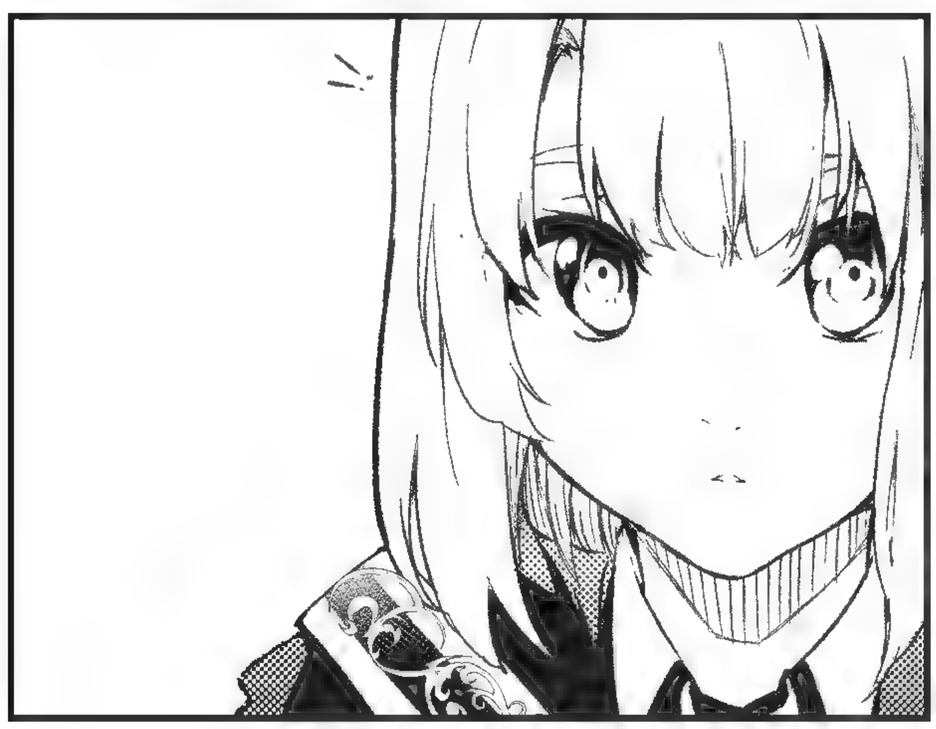
I BET YOU SAY IT TO ALL THE GIRLS!

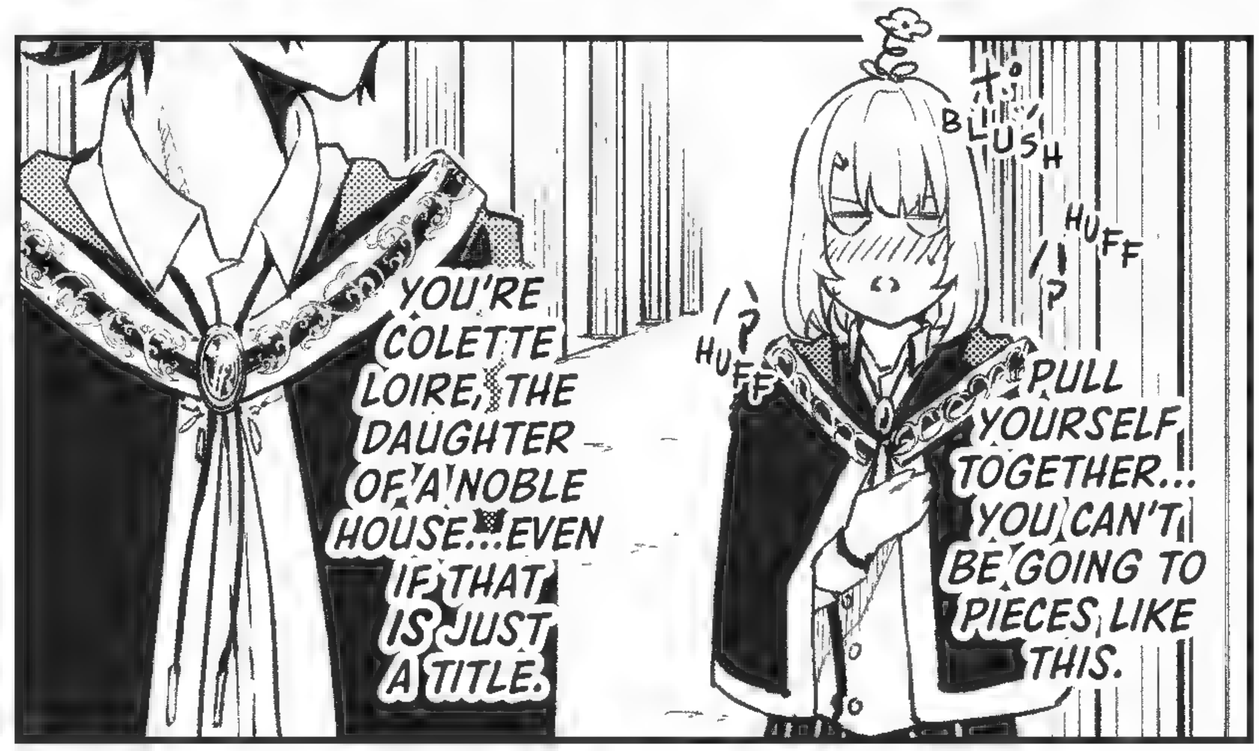
WH-WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?!

JUST STOP TALK-IIING!

WHAM

STOP!





IT REALLY DOES.

THAT WARM LIGHT...

...I WAS JUST THINKING HOW BEAUTIFUL THE SKY LOOKS AGAIN TODAY.
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GONG
THE WORLD'S FIVE GREATEST WIZARDS...

...THE MAGIA VANDER...
...HOLDING UP THE SKY FOR ANOTHER DAY...

LONG, LONG AGO...
...OUR PEOPLE WERE TRAPPED IN DARKNESS, WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE SKY.
THEY SAY THE WORLD LIVED IN FEAR OF THE CELESTIAL HOST.

THEN, ONE DAY...

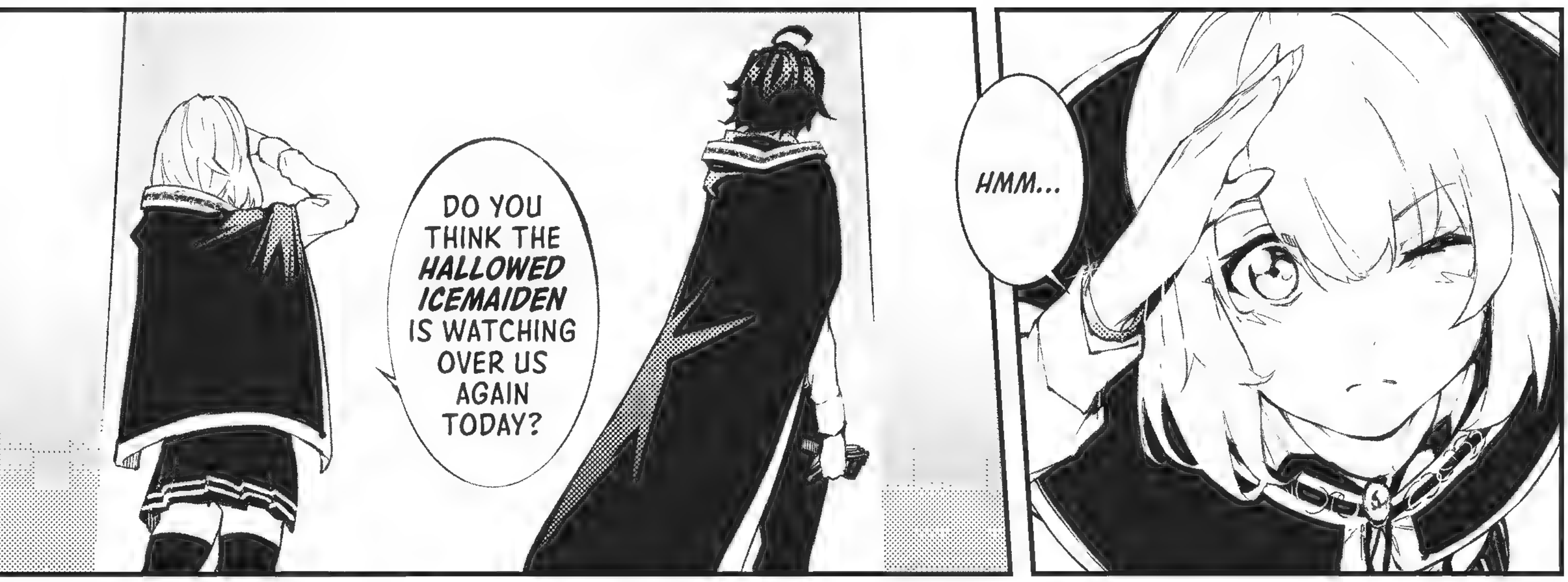
...THERE AROSE FIVE WIZARDS.

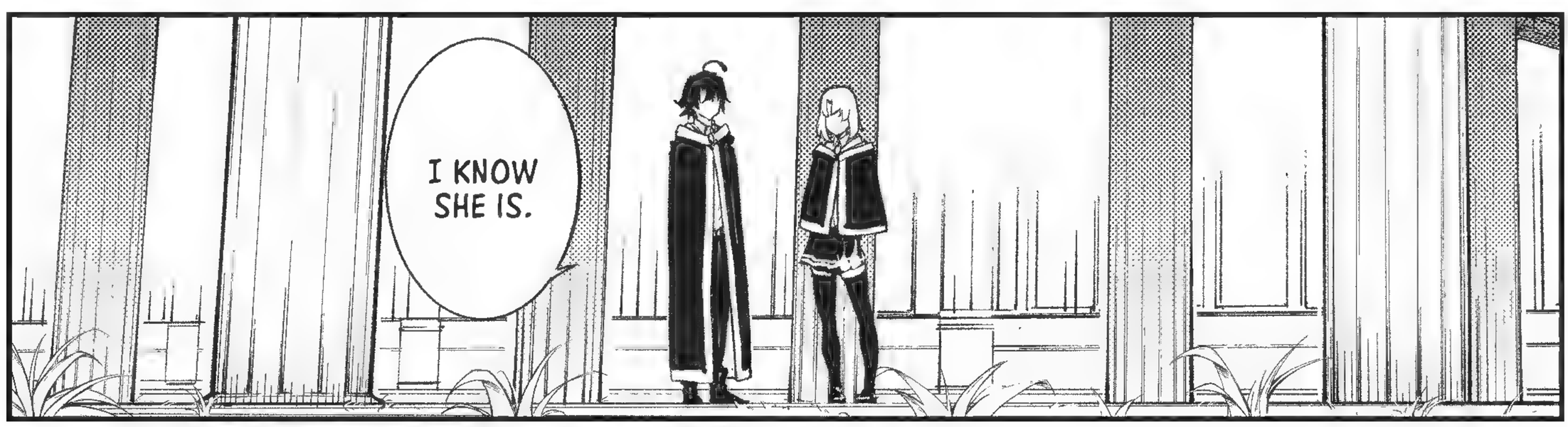
THEY DROVE BACK THE CELESTIAL HOST, SEALED UP THE SKY, AND BROUGHT PEACE TO THE WORLD.

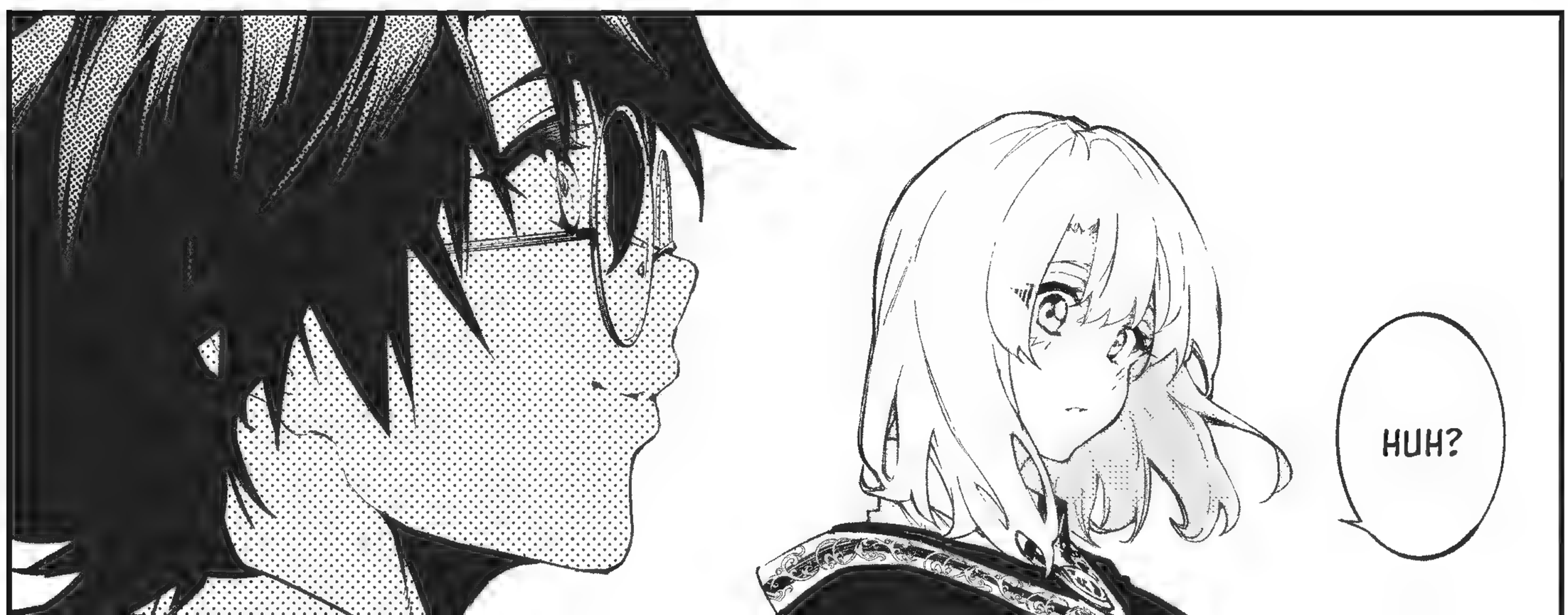
THEY WERE KNOWN AS THE MAGIA VANDER.

...AS WELL AS THE GREATEST HONOR A MAGE CAN ACHIEVE. THERE ISN'T A PERSON ALIVE WHO HASN'T DREAMED OF IT AT SOME POINT.

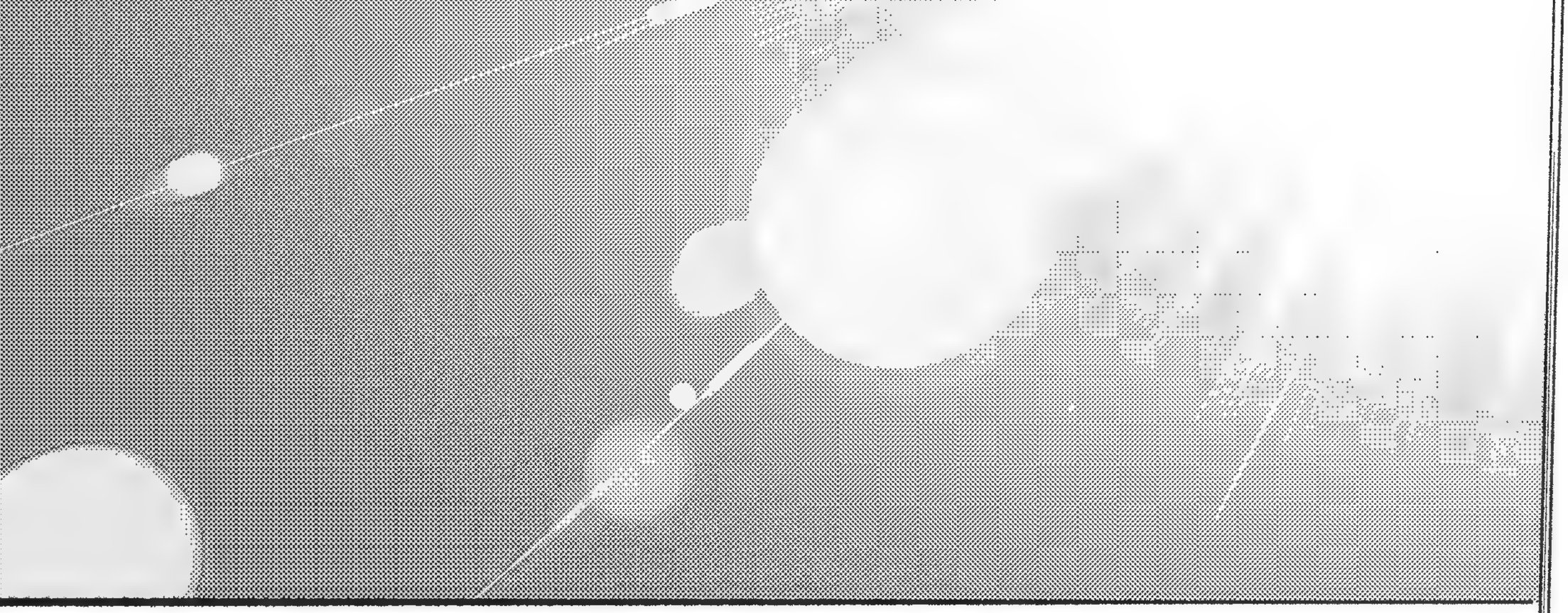
THIS BECAME THE HIGHEST OF TITLES, PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE AGES...

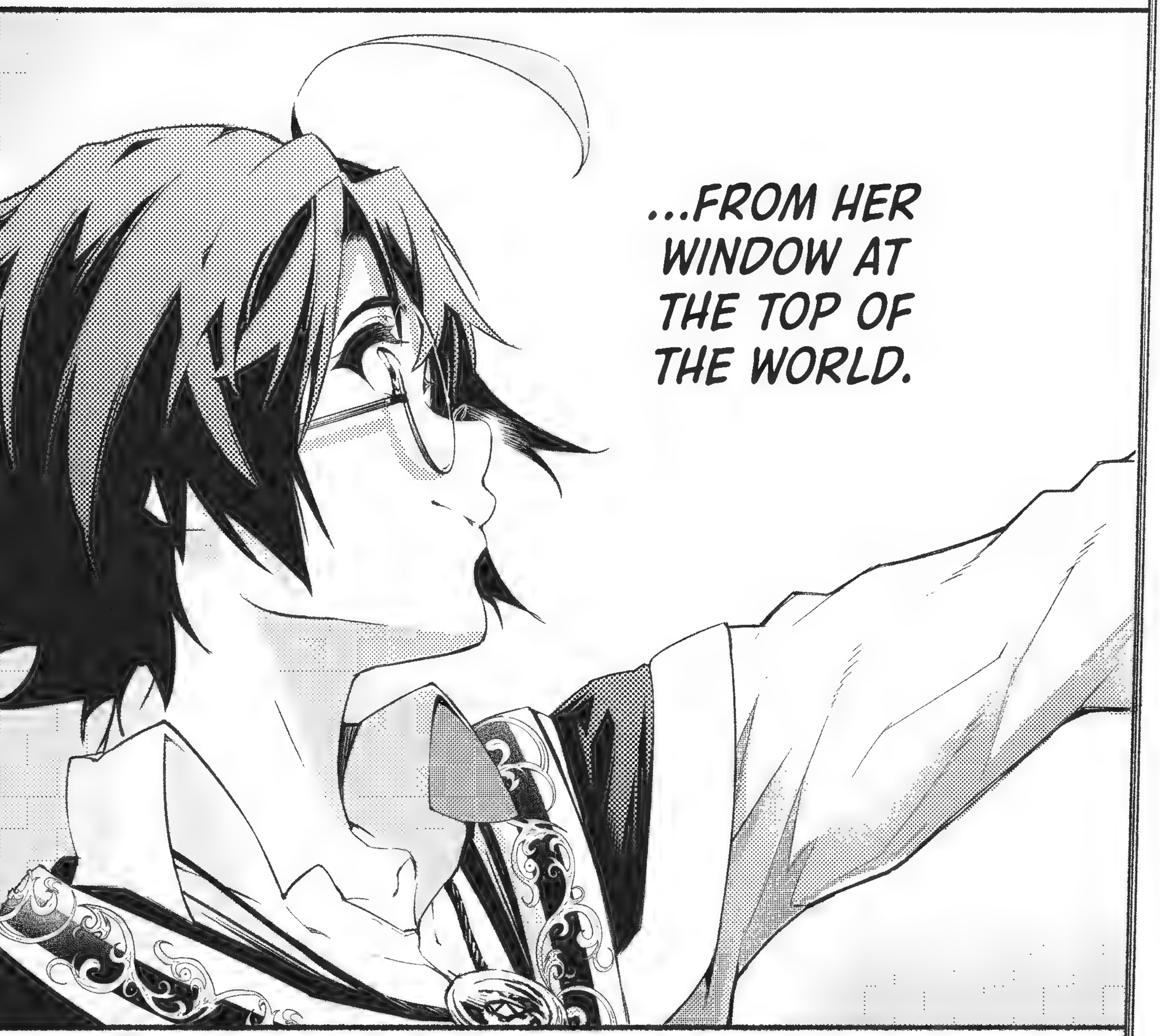






SHE'S LOOKING DOWN AT US RIGHT NOW...




...FROM HER WINDOW AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD.

"...SUN AND MOON?"

I HEARD THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED A ***SUN*** AND A ***MOON*** HANGING IN THE ***REAL*** SKY!

UH-HUH!

REALLY, ELFARIA?!

IT TURNS EVERYTHING BRIGHT RED, AND IT'S THE PRETTIEST THING IN THE WORLD!

AND! ALL THE WAY ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY, THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL ***SUNSET!***

...AND BECOME A ***MAGIA VANDER,*** THEN MAYBE YOU CAN SEE THE ***SUNSET.***

THE TOP OF THE TOWER IS THE CLOSEST YOU CAN GET TO THE SKY. IF YOU GO THERE...

WITH HER GIFTS, SHE BECAME THE YOUNGEST MAGIA VANDER IN HISTORY AND GOT WHISKED AWAY TO THE TOP OF THE TOWER...

BUT SHE WAS THE REAL THING.

MEANWHILE, FAR FROM BEING AVERAGE...I HAD NO TALENT AT ALL.

BUT I COULD NEVER GIVE UP ON THE PROMISE I MADE TO HER BACK THEN...

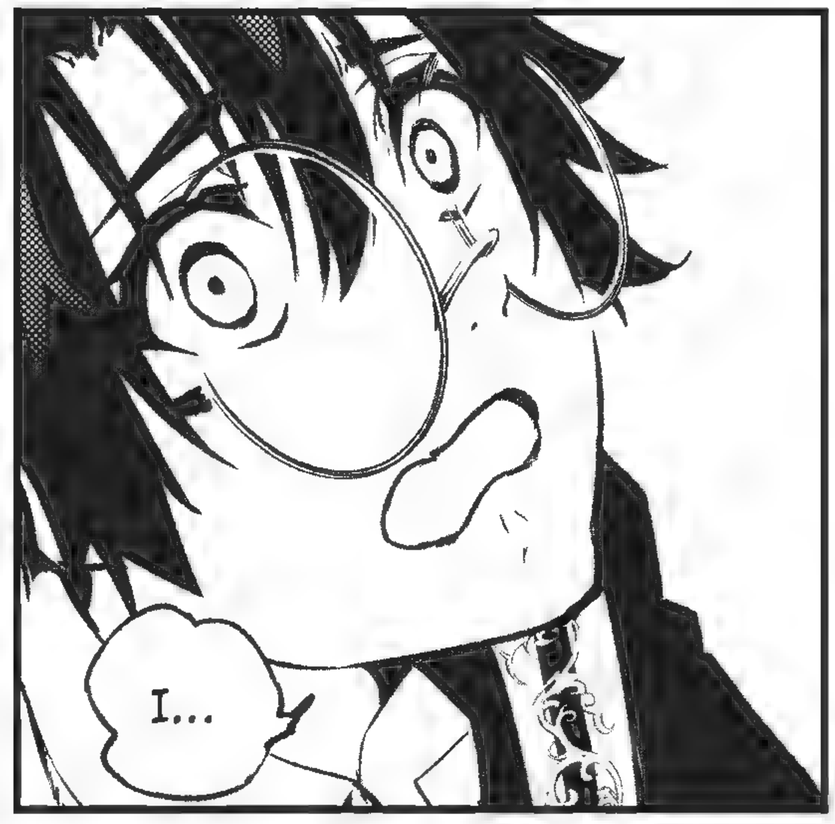
I'M STILL STUMBLING ALONG TO REACH MY DREAM OF STANDING BY HER SIDE.

Magical Creatures Office
...IMBECILE!
THUD
P-PROFESSOR WORKNER!
PLEASE, CALM DOWN, SIR...

AND ALL THE WAY TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR... ***ALONE?!*** YOU REALLY ARE GOING TO GET YOURSELF KILLED ONE OF THESE DAYS!

RAR

YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC, AND YET YOU WENT TO THE DUNGEON ***AGAIN!***



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT WILL SERFORT DEFEATED ONE *EVIL GUARD...*

SIGH...

I AWARD HIM TWO CREDITS.

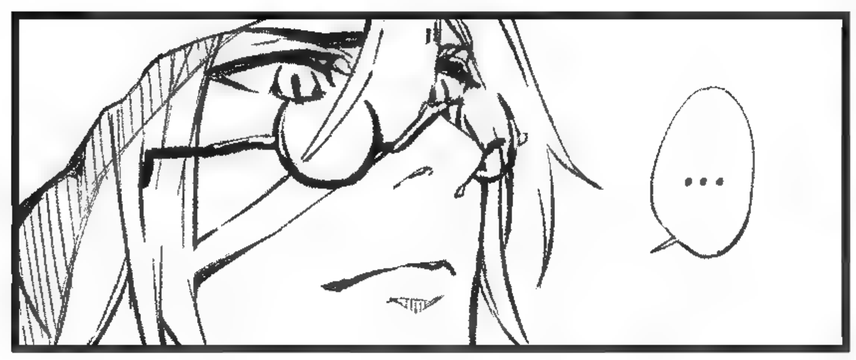
...

YES!

SCRITCH

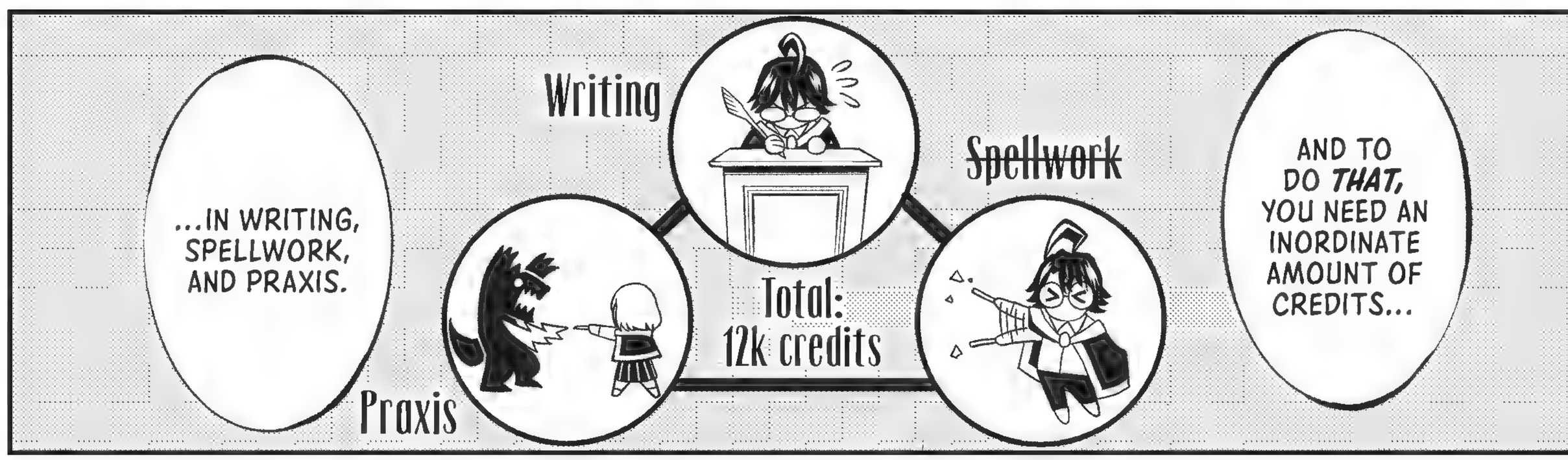
SCRITCH

IS THAT... BAD?


...

YOU'RE STILL SET ON BECOMING A MAGIA VANDER?

CREAK
...IF YOU WANT TO GET TO THE TOP OF THE TOWER, YOU HAVE TO ADVANCE TO THE *UPPER INSTITUTE.*
LISTEN... FIRST OF ALL...


...IN WRITING, SPELLWORK, AND PRAXIS.
Writing
Spellwork
Praxis
Total: 12k credits
AND TO DO *THAT,* YOU NEED AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF CREDITS...

...YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO EARN ANY SPELLWORK CREDITS. PERIOD.
SEEING AS YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC...

CREAK

WILL...

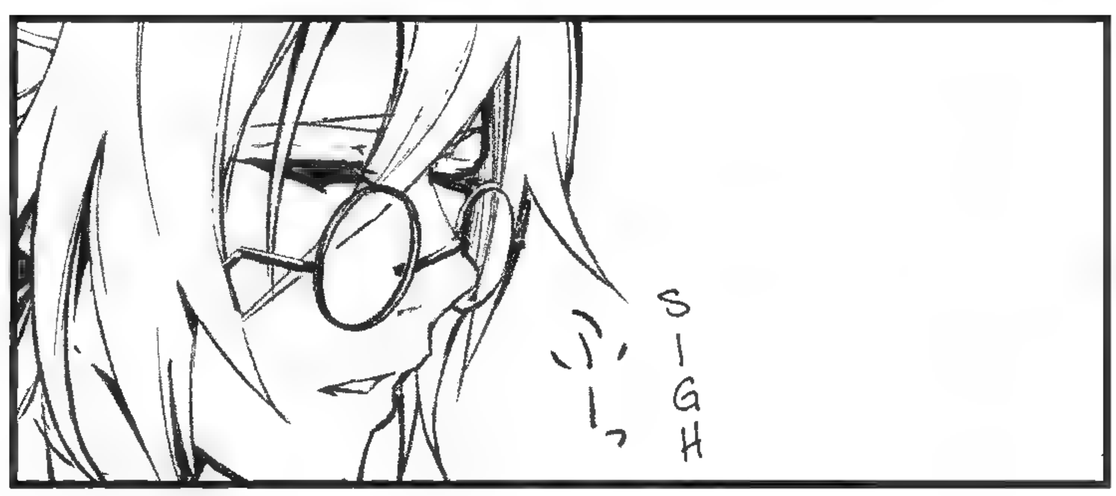
I KNOW, SIR! THAT'S WHY MY ONLY CHOICE IS TO EARN ENOUGH CREDITS IN PRAXIS TO–

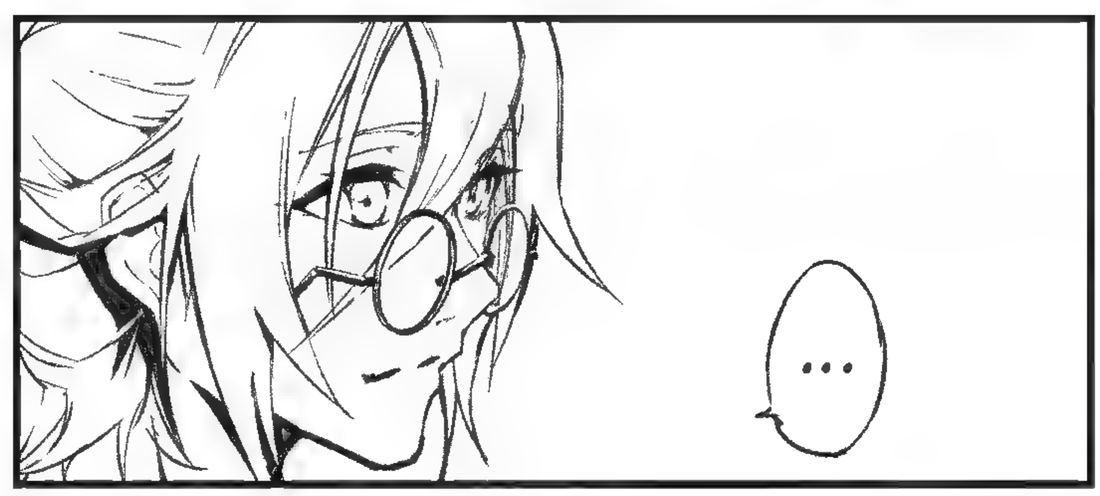
...THE LIKELIHOOD OF ADVANCING SIMPLY BY DUNGEON DIVING...

...IS PRACTICALLY NONEXISTENT.

ALL THE MORE SO FOR SOMEONE WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC...

I KNOW, BUT... I STILL...





GRR! ALL RIGHT, THEN!

SST

WHA?!

TH-THIS WEEK?!

I ALREADY KNOW YOU DIDN'T GET ENOUGH CREDITS ON THIS LAST EXAM.

YOU NEED TO EARN FOUR MORE BY THE END OF THE WEEK!

...

Err, four credits... just four more...

FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP FLIP

I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO FIND SOME MORE CREDITS!

Lemme check my notes!

MLEM MLEM

OH...

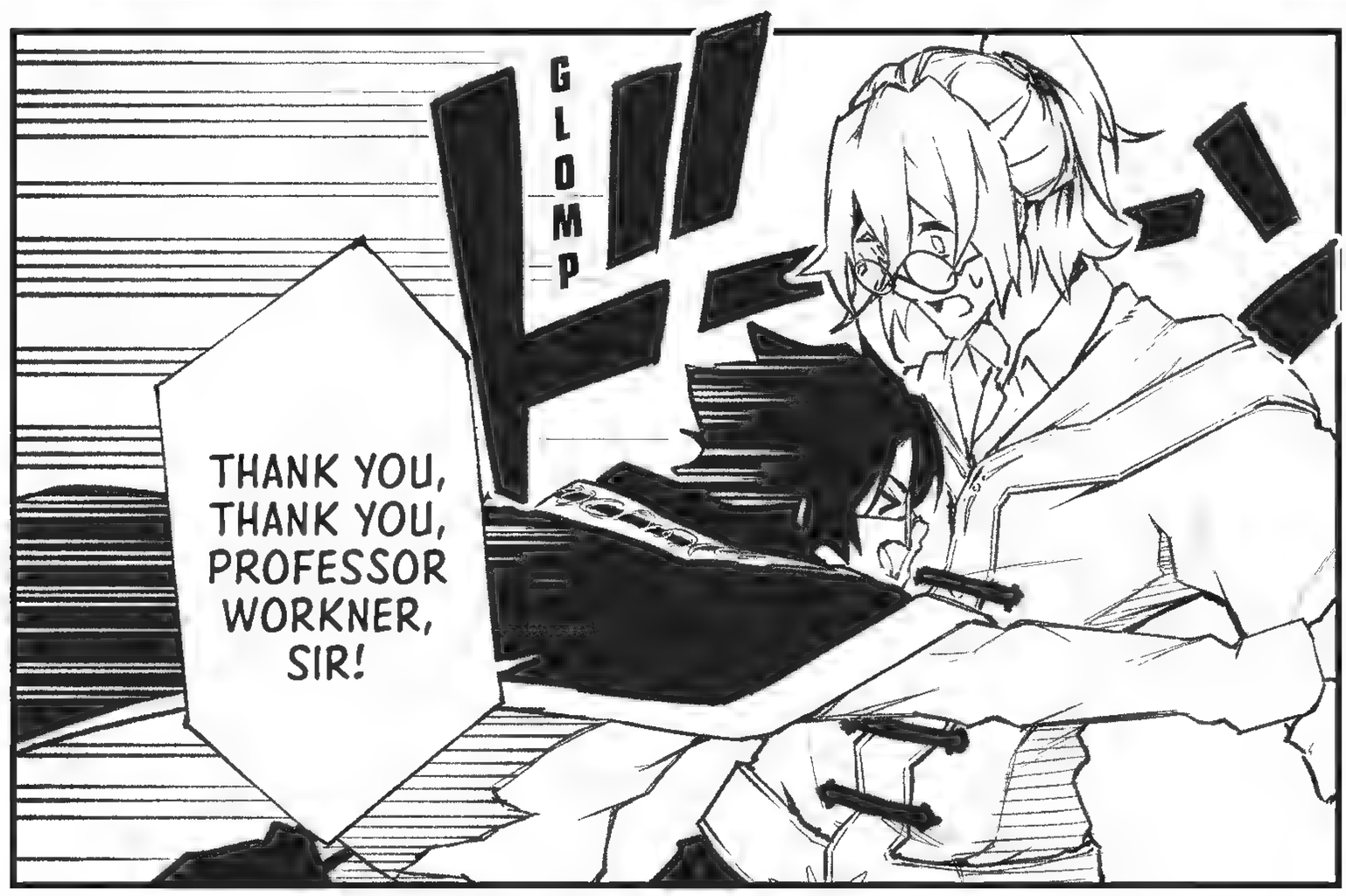
...THAT REMINDS ME...

...AND I'M JUST TALKING TO MYSELF HERE...

SIGH

I BELIEVE I KNOW A CERTAIN ***BOOK LEARNER*** WHO STILL HASN'T DEFEATED ONE YET.

...BUT A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME ABOUT A FOUR-CREDIT ***BASKERVILLE*** ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE DUNGEON.



A FOUR-CREDIT BASKER-VILLE?

SIXTH FLOOR, EH?

NOW I CAN FINALLY RID THIS SCHOOL OF THAT MISERABLE MISFIT.

FWIP

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Abyss Gates

OKAY!

I'M GETTING THOSE FOUR CREDITS *TONIGHT!*

AFTER ALL, I DID FIGHT A BASKERVILLE ONCE BEFORE.

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+!...

SO HELP ME OUT, KIKI!

I NEED THAT NOSE OF YOURS!

Mrow

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OH, DON'T WORRY!

AS LONG AS WE WATCH OUT FOR ITS FIRE BREATH, YOU WON'T GET SINGED LIKE LAST TIME.

NO-TALENTS HAVE NO BUSINESS BEING AT THE ACADEMY...

RIGHT? I'M RIGHT, AREN'T I?!

YEAH.

YOU SAID IT, SION.

BUT SION...

...ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?

IT'S THE SIXTH FLOOR, AND THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF US...

WHOOSH

SO WE'LL TAKE OUT THAT MONSTER BEFORE THE FLUNKEE GETS TO IT.

THEN HE'LL GET EXPELLED FOR NOT HAVING ENOUGH CREDITS.

YOU THINK I CAN'T HANDLE IT?

HUH?

NO, IT'S... SORRY. THAT'S NOT WHAT WE MEANT.

YEAH, *YOU'RE* ONE OF THE ELITES, SION...

WHOOSH

HMPH.

...

ANYWAY...

...LET'S FIND THAT BASKER-VILLE.

IN THIS WORLD, PEOPLE WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC SHOULD NEVER EVEN SPEAK THE WORDS **MAGIA VANDER...**

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM OR EVEN HEAR THEM. PEOPLE LIKE THAT HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE AT THIS ACADEMY.

I'LL CAST SEARCH TO...
WHAM
?!
CRASH
EEEK!
GR
AA
AA
AA
AH
N...

WHAT WAS THAT...?

NOOOO!

WAIT... DID SOMEONE ON THIS FLOOR GET ATTACKED?!

WHA—

THEY'RE CLOSE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT... IT'S A REAL-LIFE OVER-FIVE MONSTER.
SENTINELS USUALLY LIVE ON THE LOWER FLOORS...
DID IT FLOOR UP?!
?!
A TEN-CREDIT...
HANG ON...
IS THAT...
...EVIL SENTINEL?!

STOP!

...SION?!

STAY BAAACK!

FWOOM

FWOOM

HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE...

THAT MONSTER'S JUST TOO STRONG FOR HIM!

HIS SPELLS AREN'T DOING ANYTHING...

I HAVE TO HELP HIM!
THMP
THMP
RATL
RATL
NO...
WAIT...

DO I REALLY...
...OWE HIM ANYTHING?

AFTER ALL THE TIMES HE'S RIDICULED ME...

...AND BULLIED ME?

I COULD JUST RUN AWAY NOW AND...

I KNOW THE TRUTH, WILL.

SWISH

YOU'RE KIND...

...AND YOU'RE THE BRAVEST PERSON I KNOW.

YOU'RE WRONG, ELFIE...
I'M JUST A GUY WHO WANTS TO BE BY YOUR SIDE...

ALL I'VE EVER WANTED...
...IS TO BE WORTHY OF A MAGIA VANDER LIKE YOU!
SO...
...AT THE VERY LEAST...

...LET ME BE YOUR SWORD!
WHAM

P-PROFESSOR EDWARD, WHAT BRINGS YOU–

CLATR

BAM

WORKNEER!

IT APPEARS THAT SION AND HIS FRIENDS WENT TO THE DUNGEON WITHOUT PERMISSION.

RIGHT AWAY!

THOSE LITTLE HIGH-BORN BRATS ...

THE DUNGEON IS VAST. SEND YOUR FAMILIARS OUT TO SEARCH FOR THEM.

WHAT?!

THE SIXTH.

WHICH FLOOR DID THEY GO TO?!

FLAP FLAP FLAP

CLUNK カタン

?

...WE WON'T BE NEEDING THIS.

IN THAT CASE...

WILL'S ON THE SIXTH FLOOR.

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GLOOP

WHAT...?

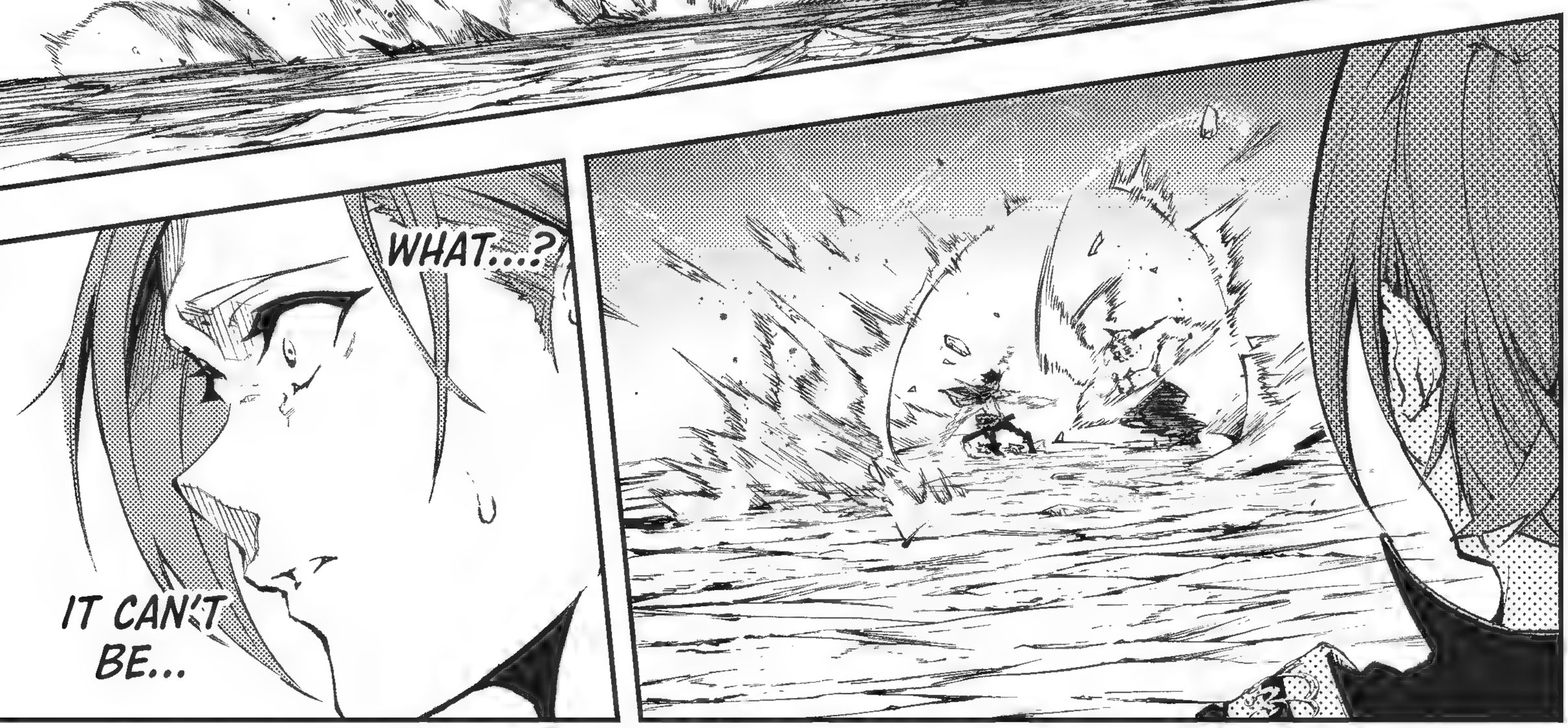
SWING
GRR

WHAM

THUD

GRAAAH

KA-BOOOM



WHAT THE HELL...

WH...

...AM I LOOKING AT?!

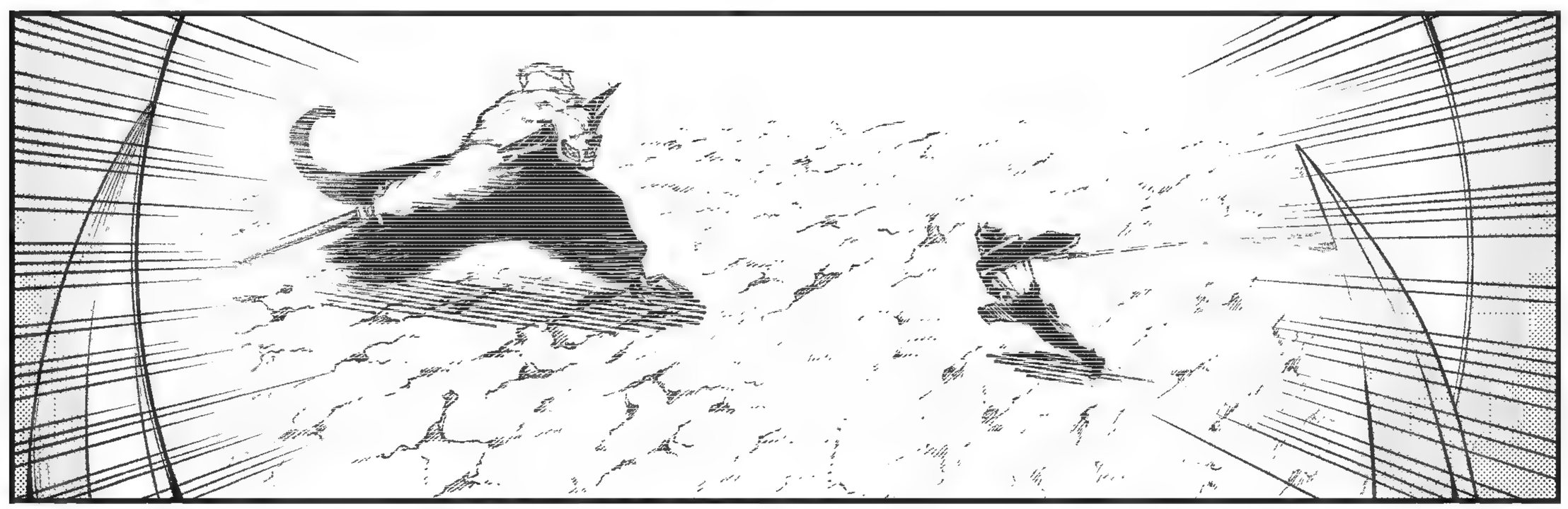
WILL IS AN *OUTLIER.* THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

...AND KEEN OBSERVATIONAL SKILLS THAT ALLOW HIM TO MEMORIZE AN ENEMY'S ATTACK PATTERNS AFTER SEEING THEM ONLY ONCE...

...THE HARDINESS OF A DWARF...

HE HAS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH BEYOND THAT OF ANY MAGE...



...SEEN THAT MOVE!
VWOOM
I'VE ALREADY...
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AA
AA
AH
HUFF
HUFF
WHAM

BUT IN A WORLD OF MAGES...

...HE STANDS ALONE AS ITS ONLY SWORDSMAN.

THE STROKE OF HIS BLADE...

...IS
LIKE A
BOLT OF
LIGHTNING.

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ハァ HUFF
FSH
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FWIP
ス...
GRR
YOU'RE... NOT HURT, ARE YOU?

IT CAN'T *BE!*

TH... THAT'S ABSURD!

WHAM

...COULD OUTCLASS A *MAGE?!*

DO YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT A BOY WITH NO MAGIC...

SCRITCH ポリ

ポリ SCRITCH

SIGH

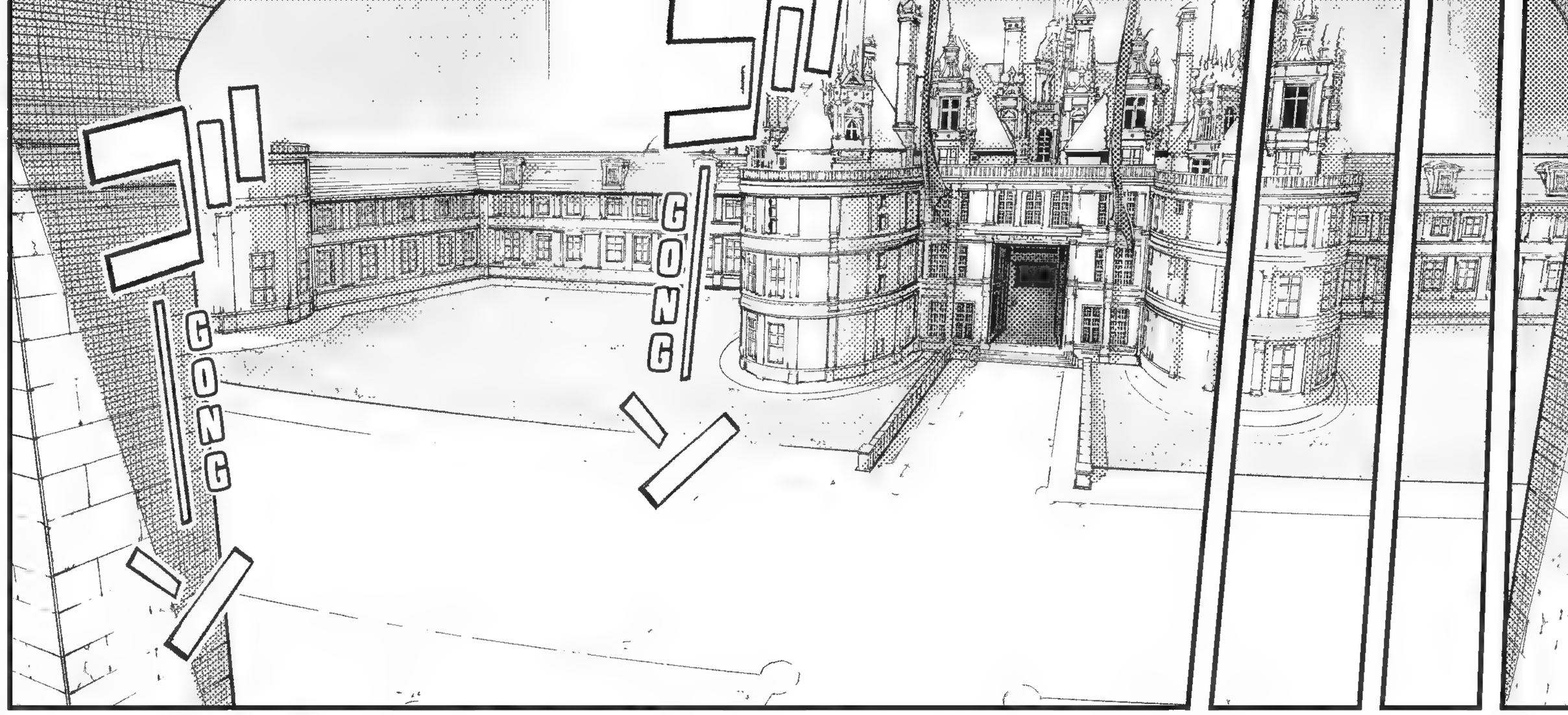
AH—

PROFES-SOR EDWARD!

CREAK ギィ

CREAK ギィ

BAM


GONG
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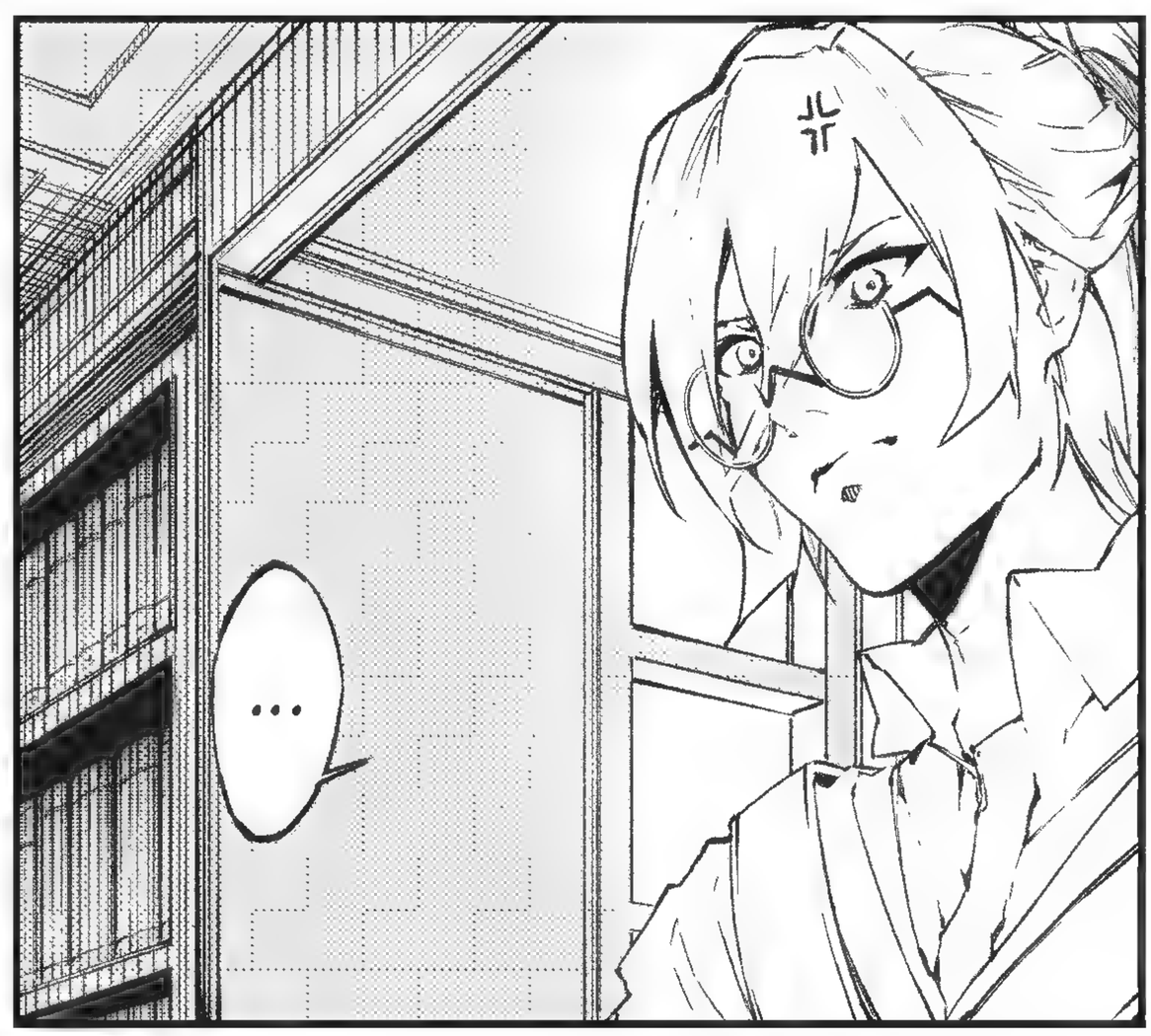
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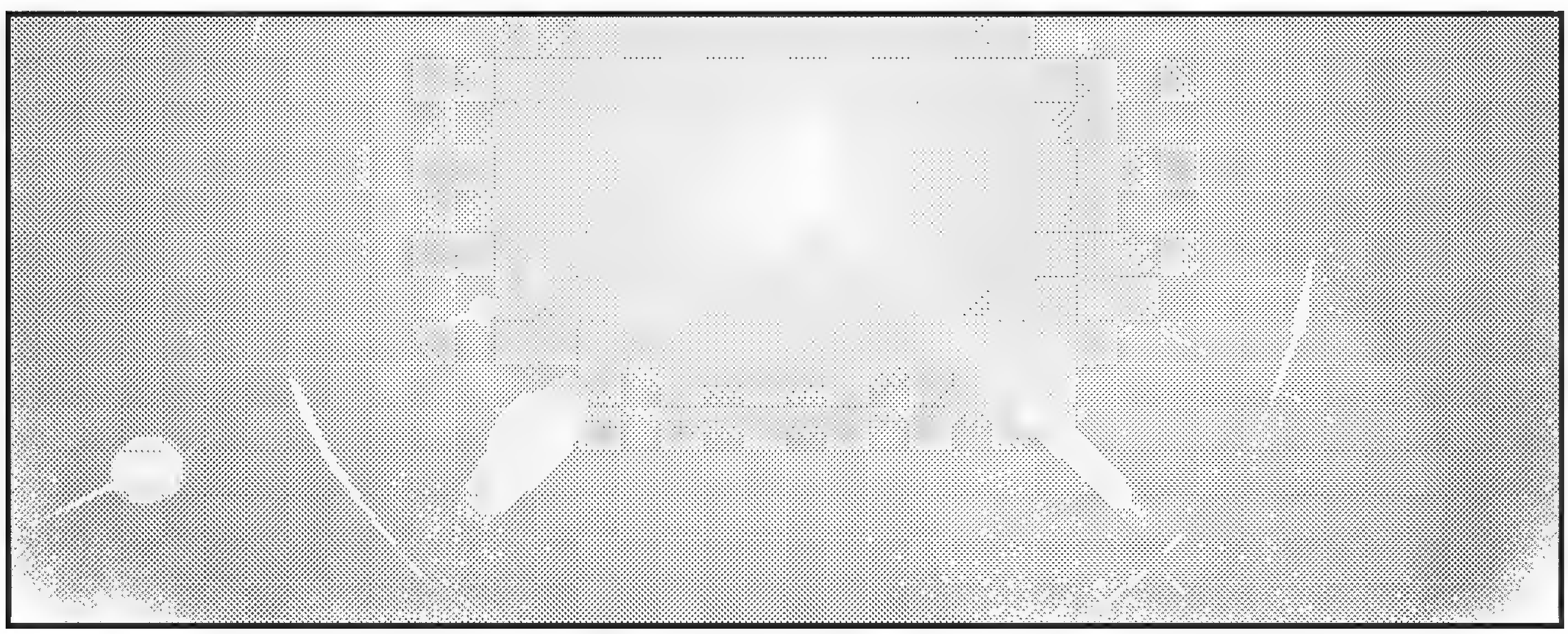
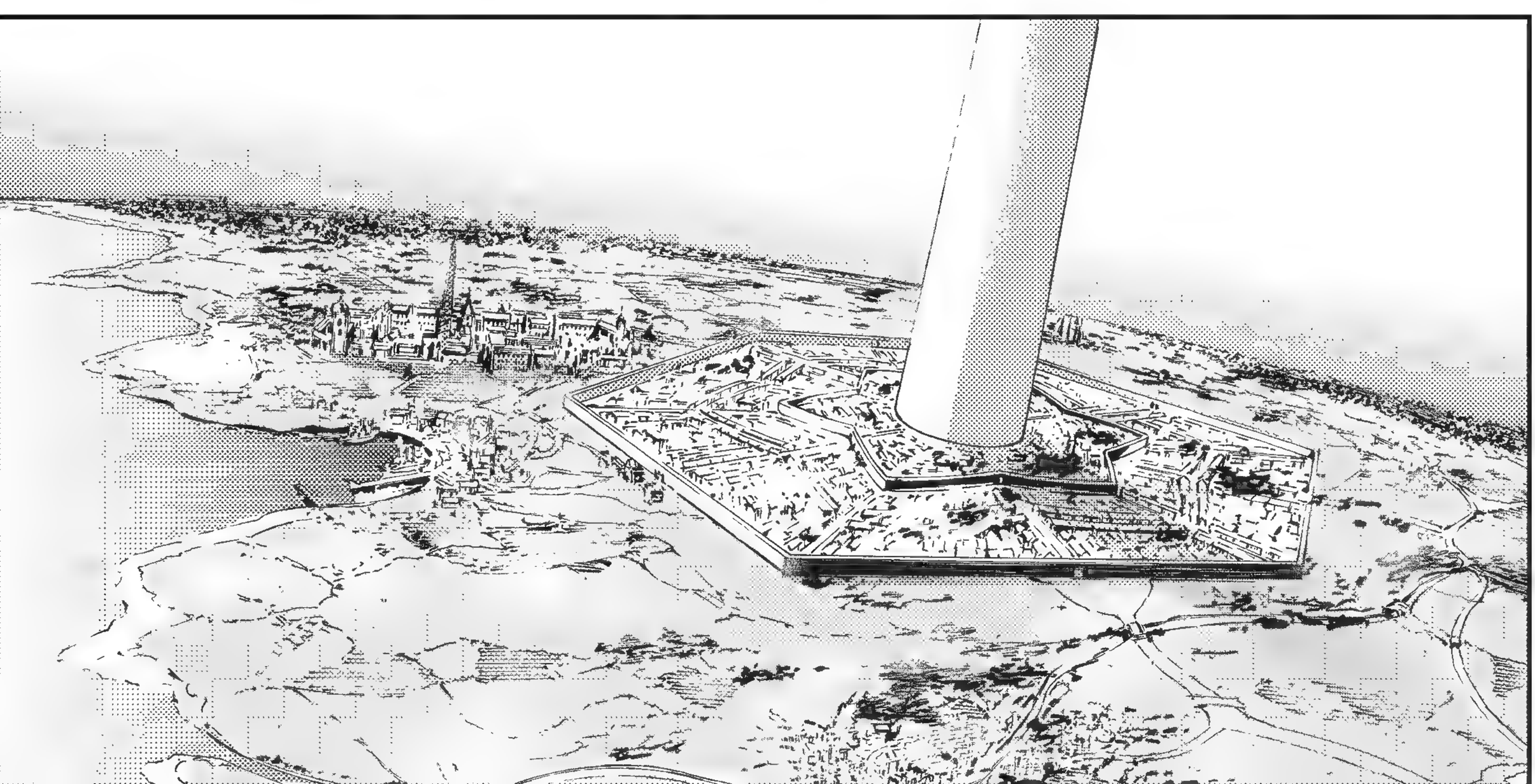
BAAAAM

THIS IS THE TALE...

...OF A BOY...



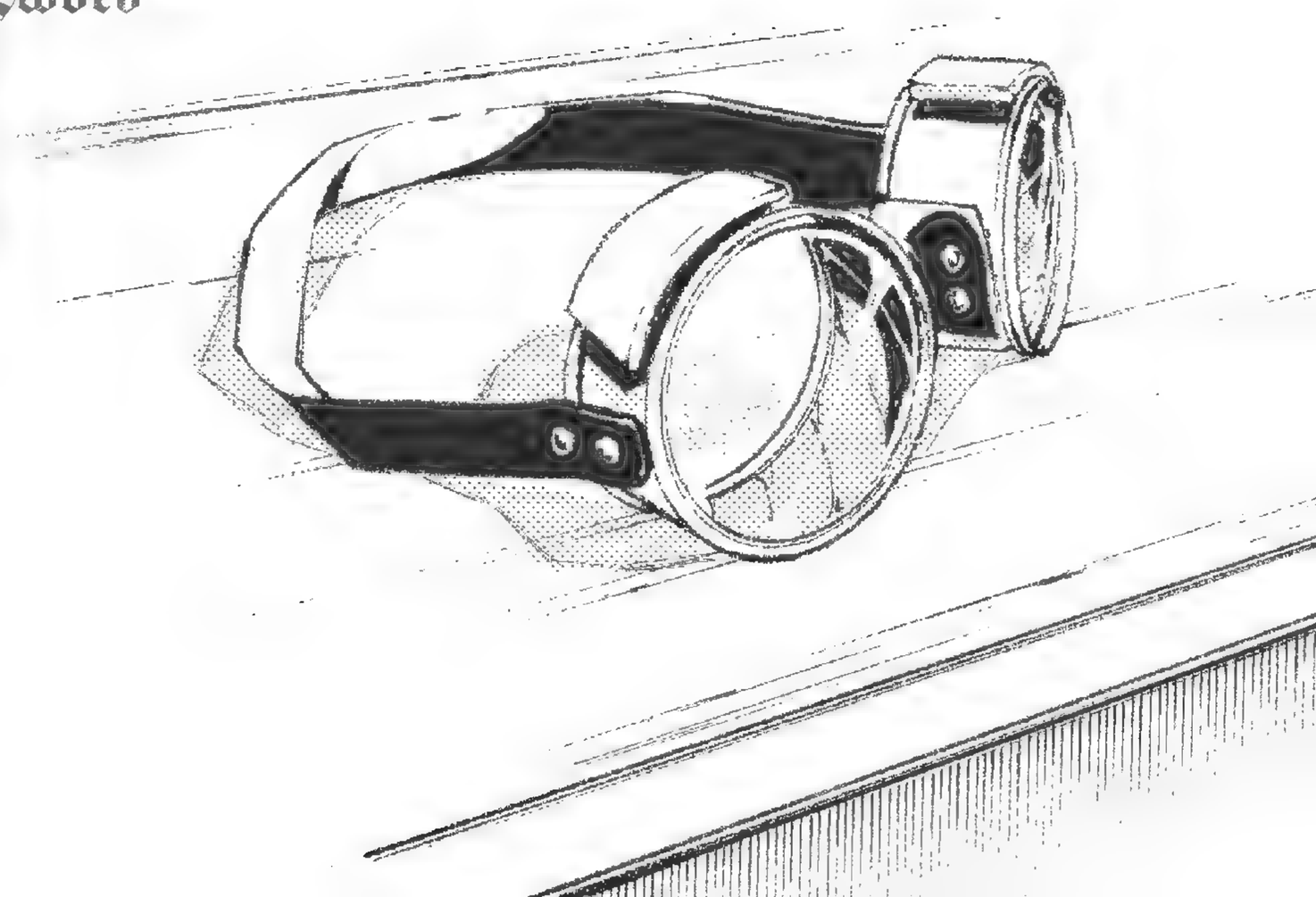
...WHO TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN.



A TALE OF MAGIC AND STEEL... A GRAND WISTORIA... WHERE WAND AND SWORD MEET.

Historia
Wand and Sword

Wistoria
Wand and Sword



WHEN WE TALK ABOUT *CLIMBING THE TOWER...*

SSST

...YOU MUST FIRST BE ACCEPTED INTO THE HIGHEST SEAT OF LEARNING, THE UPPER INSTITUTE.

Upper Institute

Magical Academy

Wizard's Tower

...WHO REIGN FROM THE TOPMOST FLOOR OF ***MERCEDES CAULIS***, THE WIZARD'S TOWER...

TO BECOME ONE OF THE MAGIA VANDER...

...WE GENERALLY MEAN ADVANCING TO THE ***UPPER INSTITUTE.***

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THE SECOND IS TO EARN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CREDITS AT THIS ACADEMY.

THE FIRST IS TO INVENT A NEW TYPE OF MAGIC.

THERE ARE TWO MAIN METHODS OF ADVANCING TO THE UPPER INSTITUTE.

AND YET...

ERGO, THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS MUST GENERALLY FOCUS ON THE LATTER.

ONLY A VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF STUDENTS MANAGE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FORMER.

FLASH

...YOU NITWITS ARE HARDLY ON TRACK TO GRADUATE!

...FAR FROM ADVANCING TO THE UPPER INSTITUTE...

Chapter 2: Undaunted

I HEARD PROFESSOR WORKNER'S REMEDIAL CLASS WAS PRETTY... INTENSE AGAIN.

YEAH...

IT WAS ONE PRACTICE TEST AFTER ANOTHER, NOT TO MENTION ALL THE BRUTAL DRILLS...

WELL, I *AM* HOPELESS AT SPELL-WORK...

BUT JUST BECAUSE I'M A NO-TALENT DOESN'T MEAN I SHOULD GIVE UP.

BUT YOU'VE EARNED EVERY WRITING CREDIT THERE IS!

I GUESS PROFESSOR WORKNER'S PRETTY STRICT, TOO, HUH...

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TRUE.

ESPECIALLY PROFESSOR EDWARD. I CAN'T SEE HIM EVER GIVING EXTRA LESSONS.

IT'S ACTUALLY PRETTY NICE OF HIM TO OFFER REMEDIAL CLASSES AT ALL.

MOST PROFESSORS WOULDN'T BOTHER TO HELP THAT MUCH...

SION BEAT AN EVIL SENTINEL!

I'M TELLING YOU, IT'S TRUE!

GLARE

THAT WAS ACTUALLY...
YOU'RE WRONG...

!

YOU'RE... NOT HURT, ARE YOU?

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE...

...YOU WORTH-LESS NO-TALENT?!

GRAB

ZSH

WILL SERFORT DESERVES TO BE EXPELLED!

HEADMISTRESS CALDRON!

SLURP

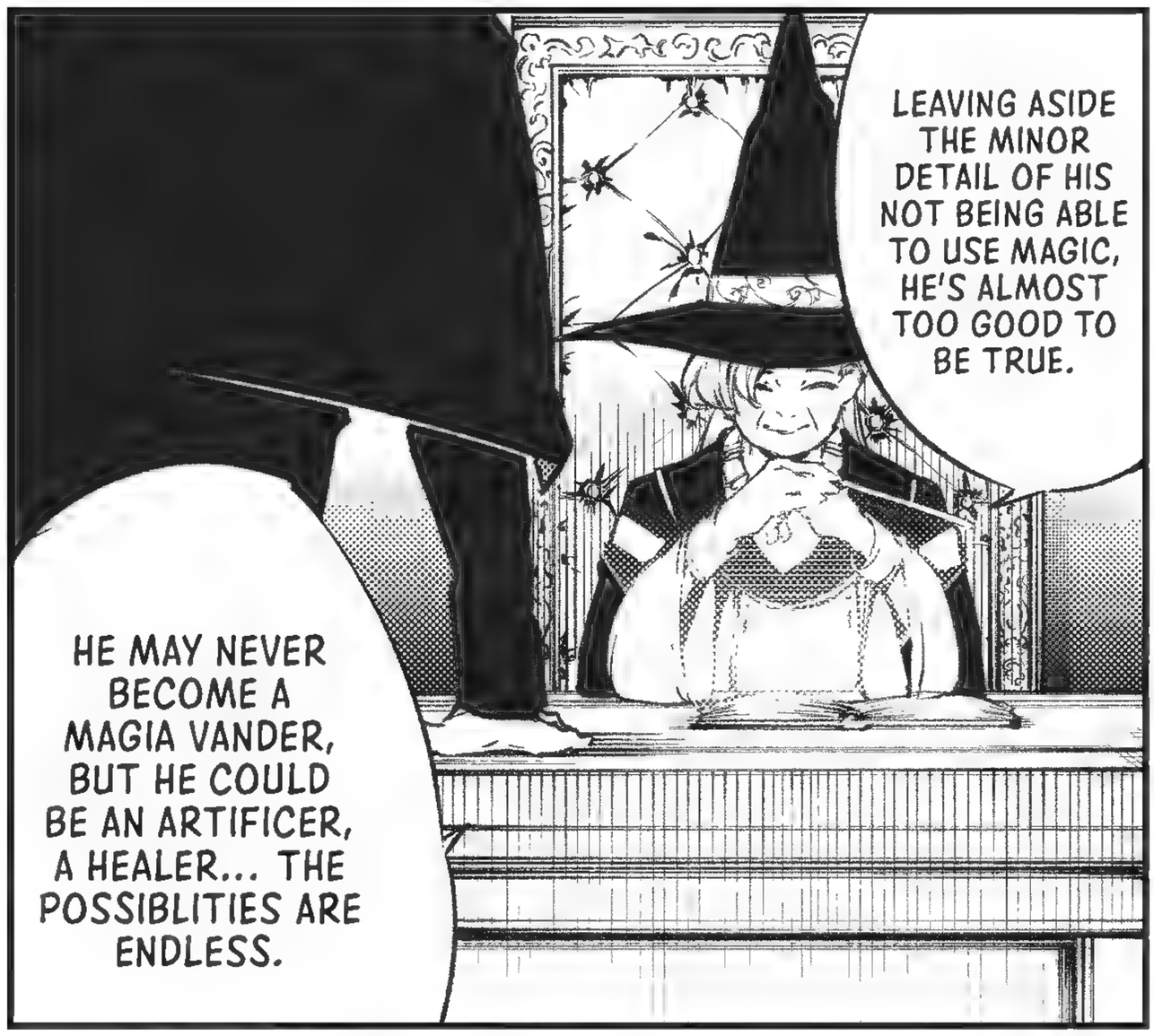
WILL IS IN HIS SIXTH AND FINAL YEAR. EXPELLING HIM AFTER HE'S ALREADY COME THIS FAR WOULD BE, WELL...

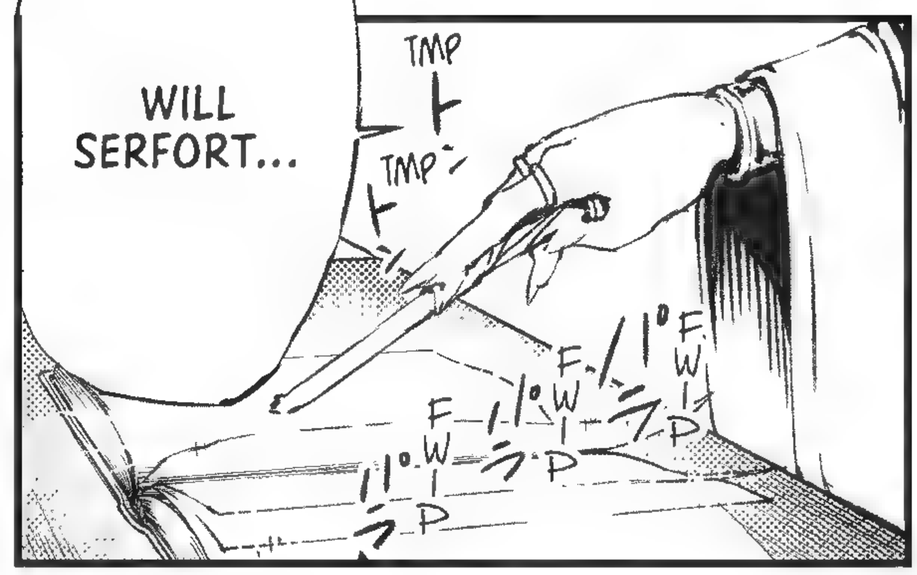
NOW, NOW, EDWARD. WHY ALL THE FUSS?

GNN GNN GNN GNN

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A BOY WITH NO MAGIC OUTCLASSING MAGES! THE VERY IDEA IS...

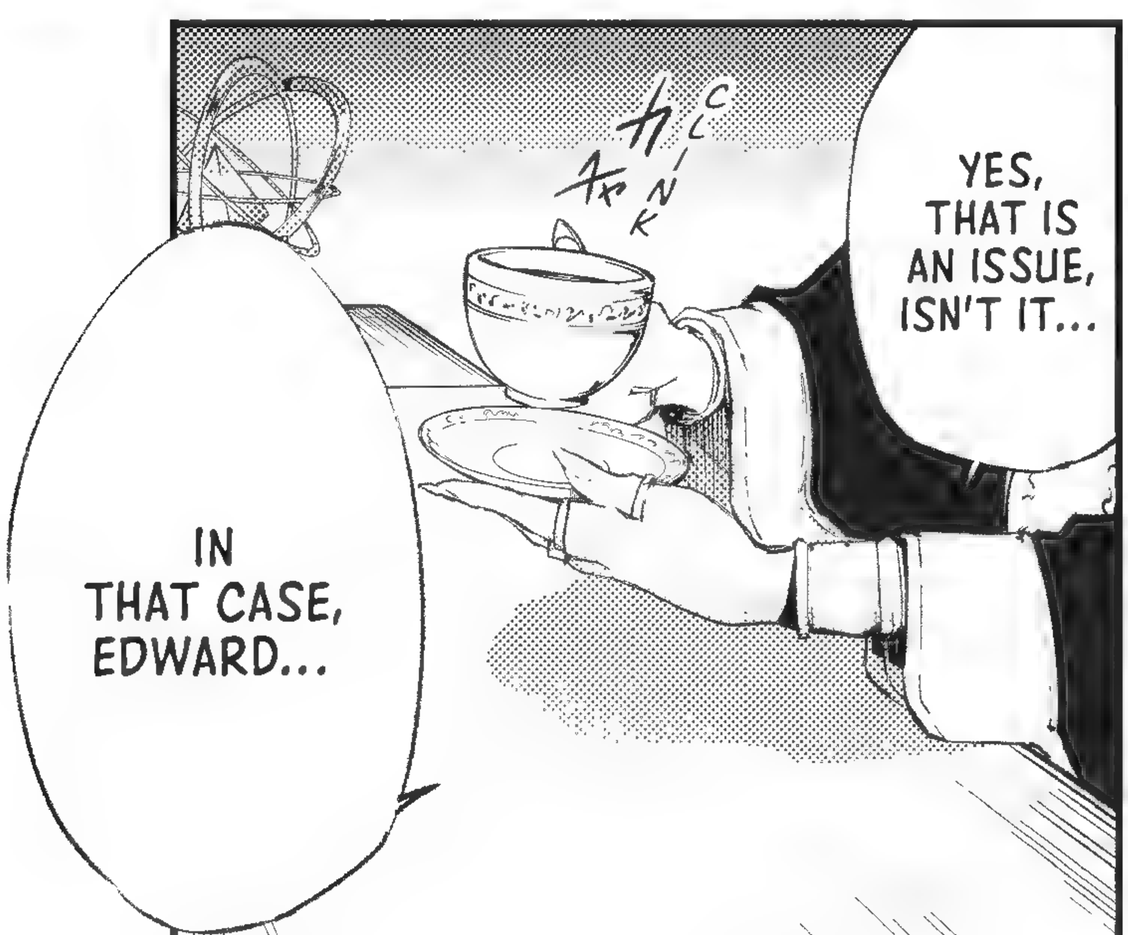
HE'S NO *MAGE*, HE'S A *SWORDSMAN!* HE HAS NO PLACE HERE!

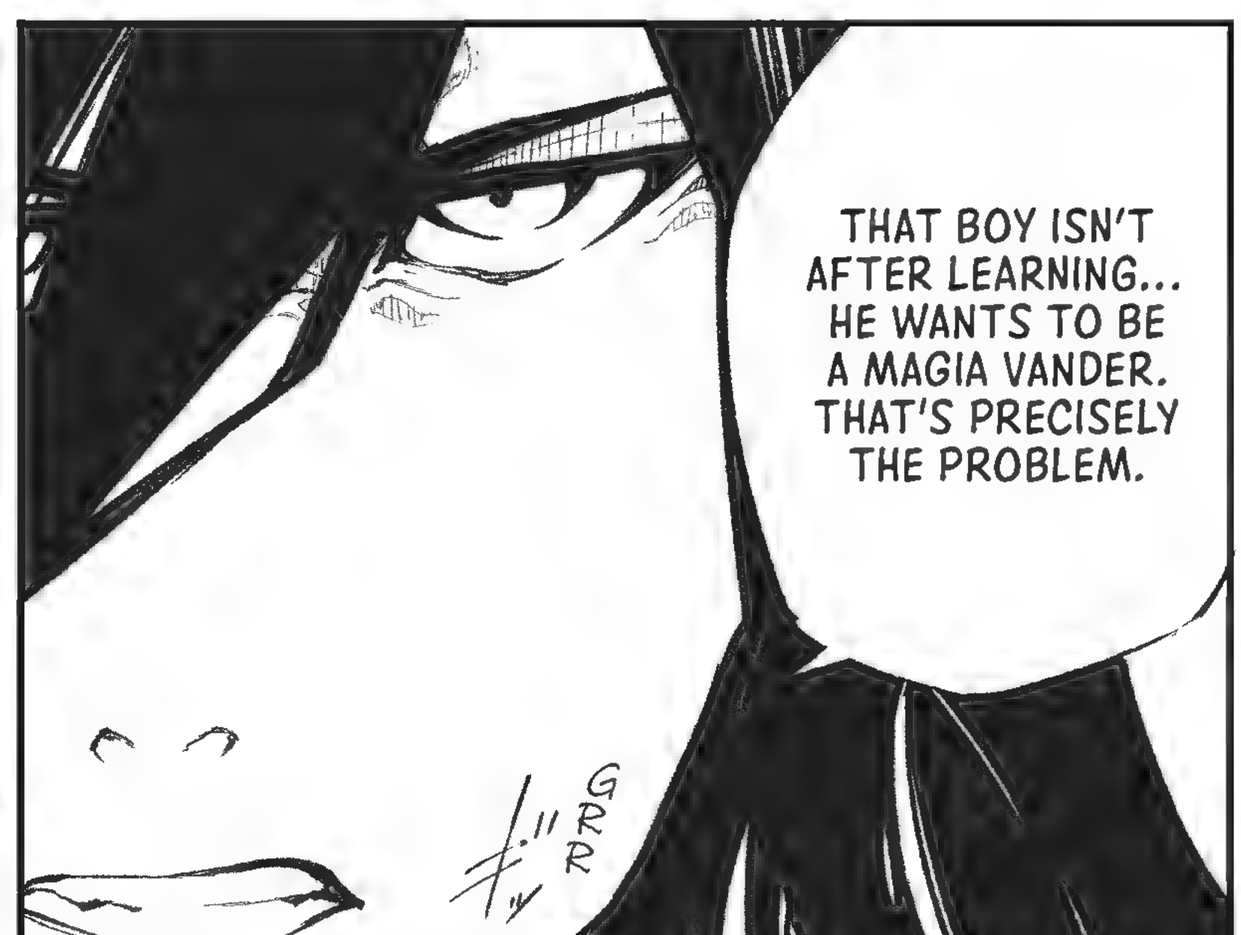

LEAVING ASIDE THE MINOR DETAIL OF HIS NOT BEING ABLE TO USE MAGIC, HE'S ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
HE MAY NEVER BECOME A MAGIA VANDER, BUT HE COULD BE AN ARTIFICER, A HEALER... THE POSSIBLITIES ARE ENDLESS.


WILL SERFORT...

HE CONSISTENTLY EARNS TOP MARKS IN WRITING...
...HE OFFERS FASCINATING INSIGHTS IN HIS PAPERS...

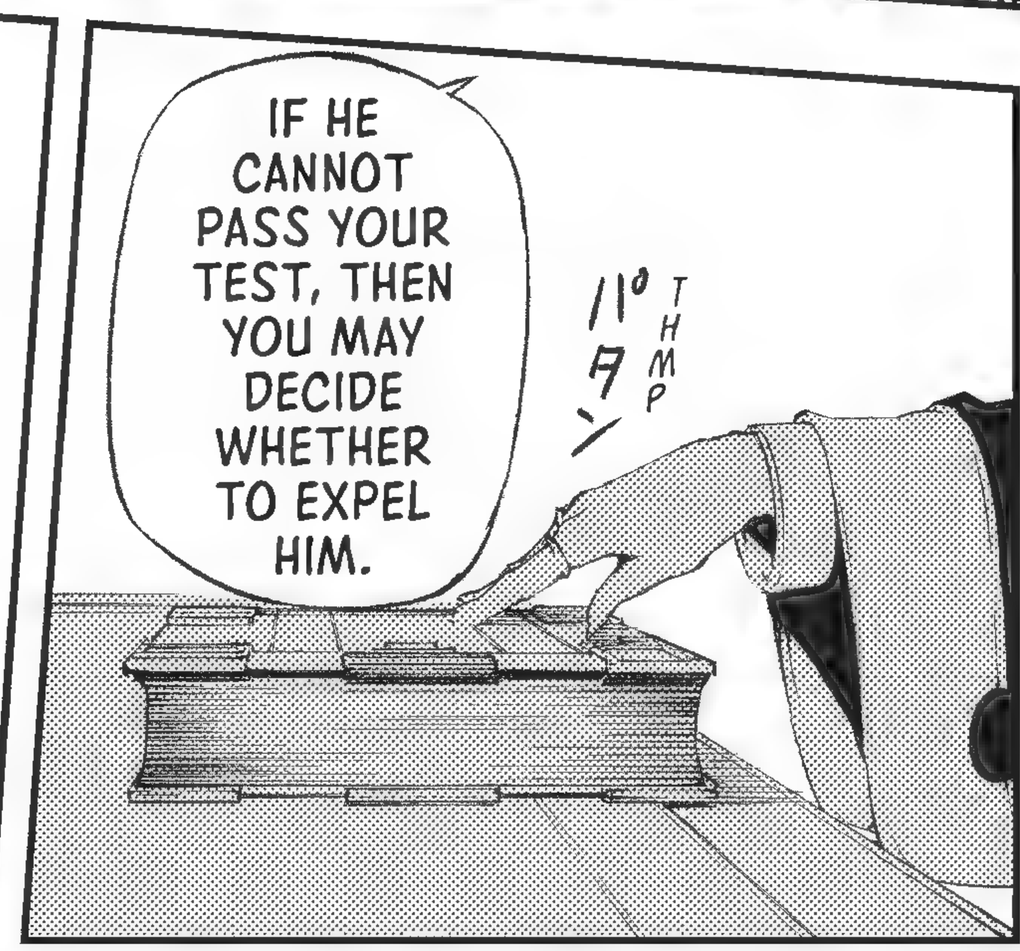
ONE OF THIS ACADEMY'S RESPONSIBILITIES IS TO PRODUCE PEOPLE OF LEARNING FOR THE *FATED DAY.*

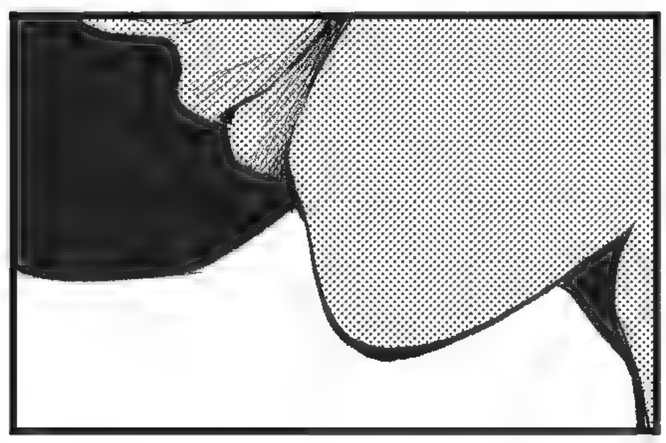

YES, THAT IS AN ISSUE, ISN'T IT...
IN THAT CASE, EDWARD...


THAT BOY ISN'T AFTER LEARNING... HE WANTS TO BE A MAGIA VANDER. THAT'S PRECISELY THE PROBLEM.

...TEST HIM.

DO IT YOURSELF, NOW THAT YOU'VE LEARNED THE TRUTH ABOUT HIM.





TEST HIM ALL YOU WISH, AND THEN JUDGE HIM FOR YOURSELF... O DARK VIPERMAGE.

YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THE MAGIA VANDER THAN ANYONE.

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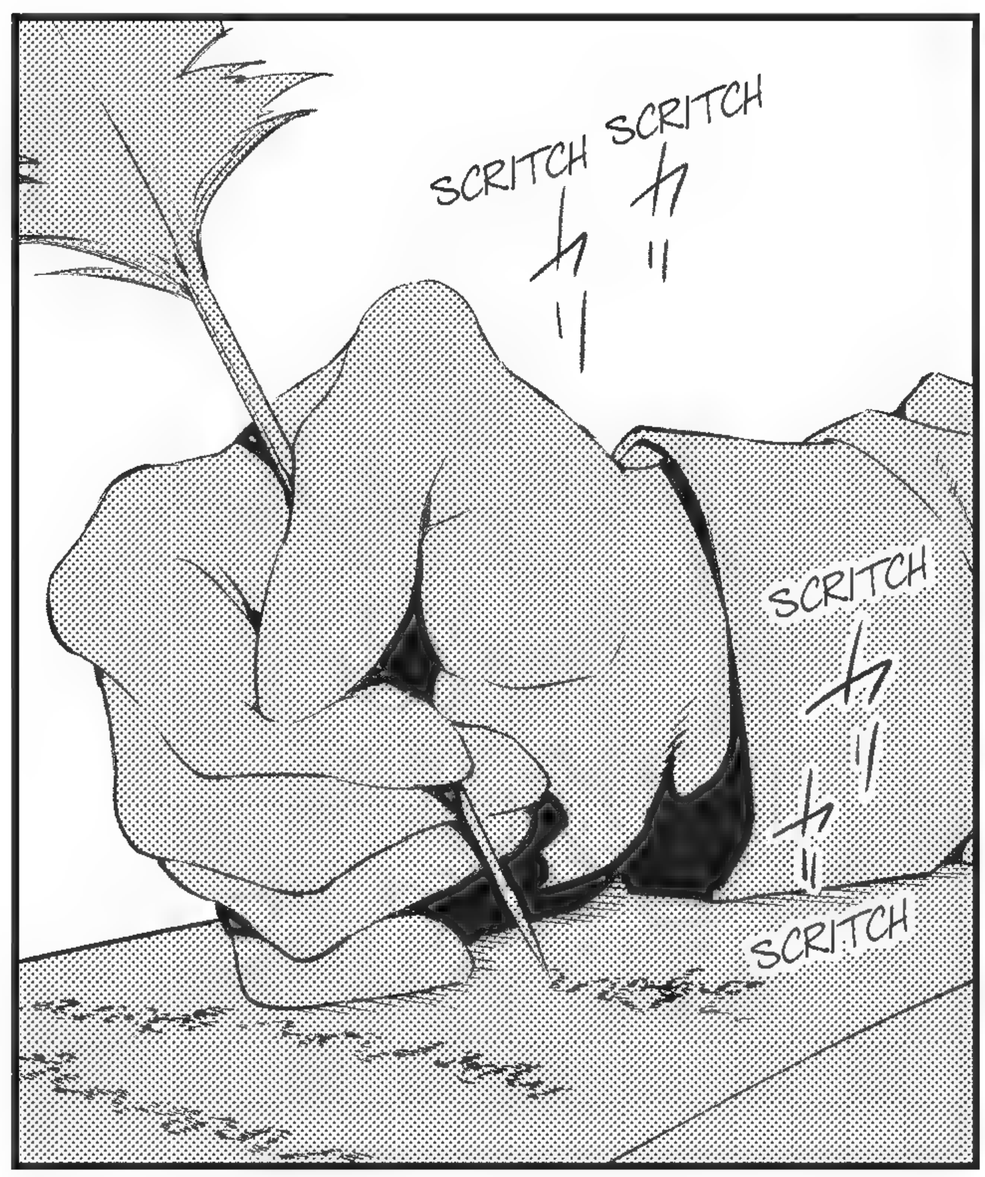
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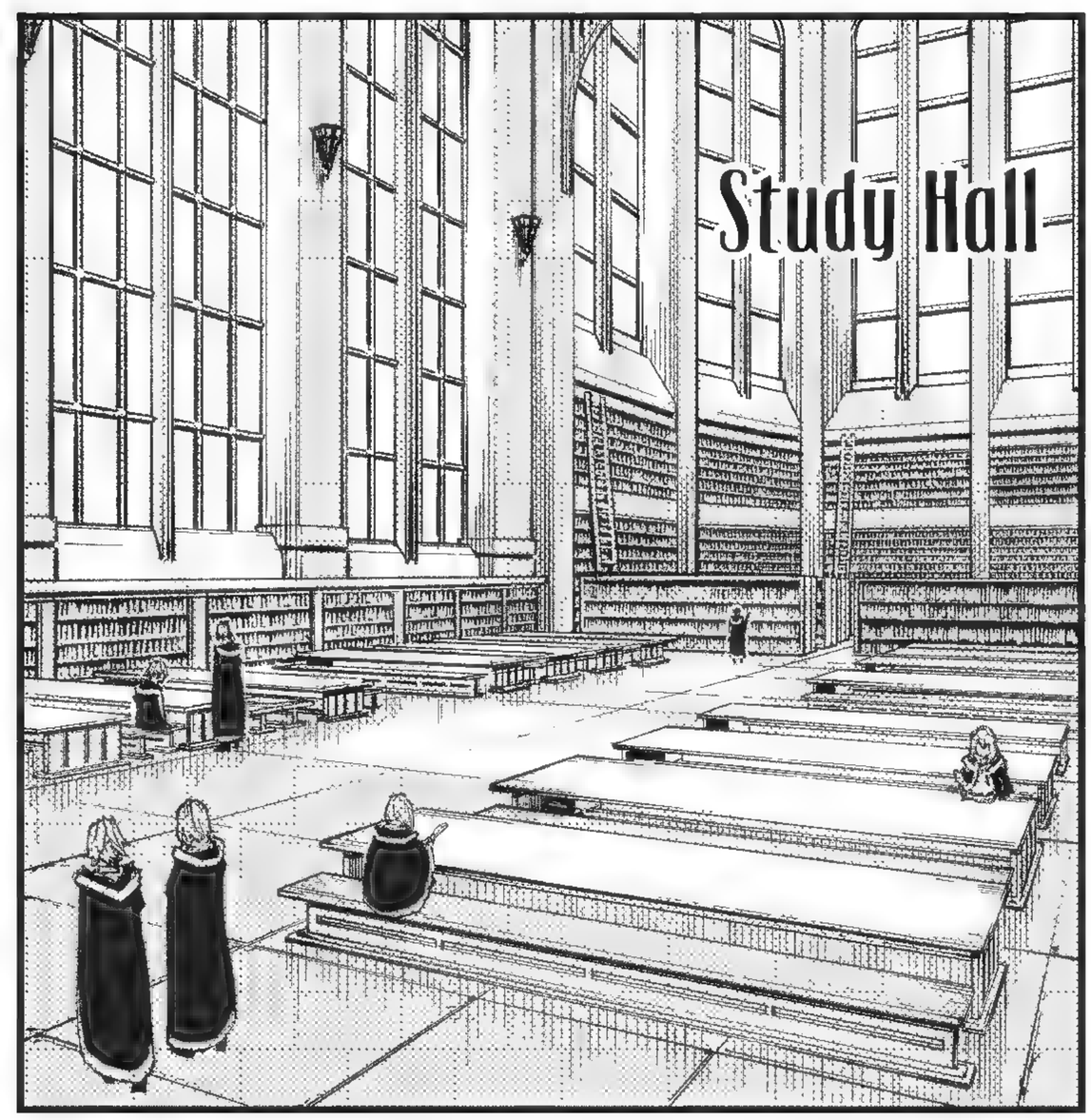
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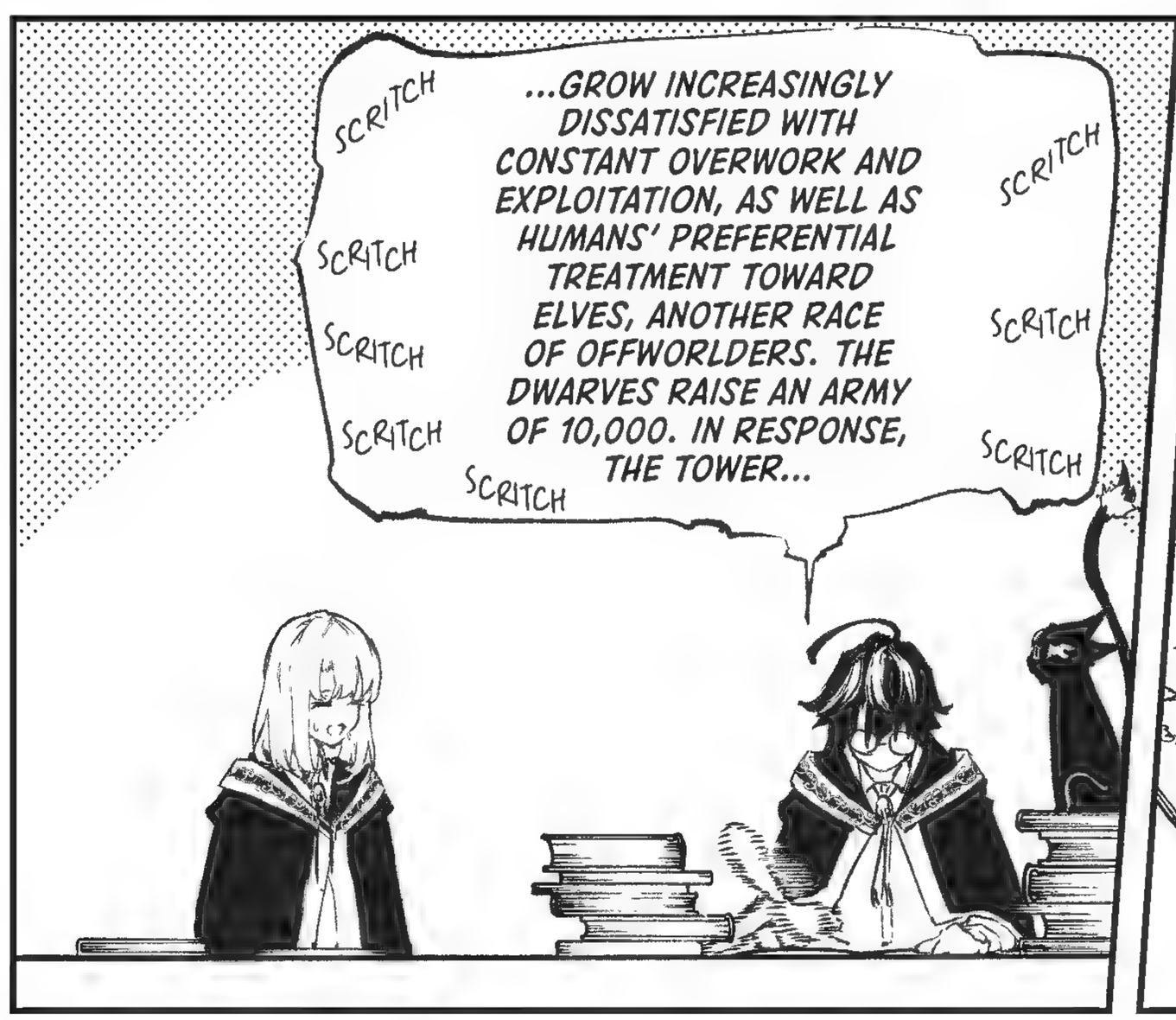
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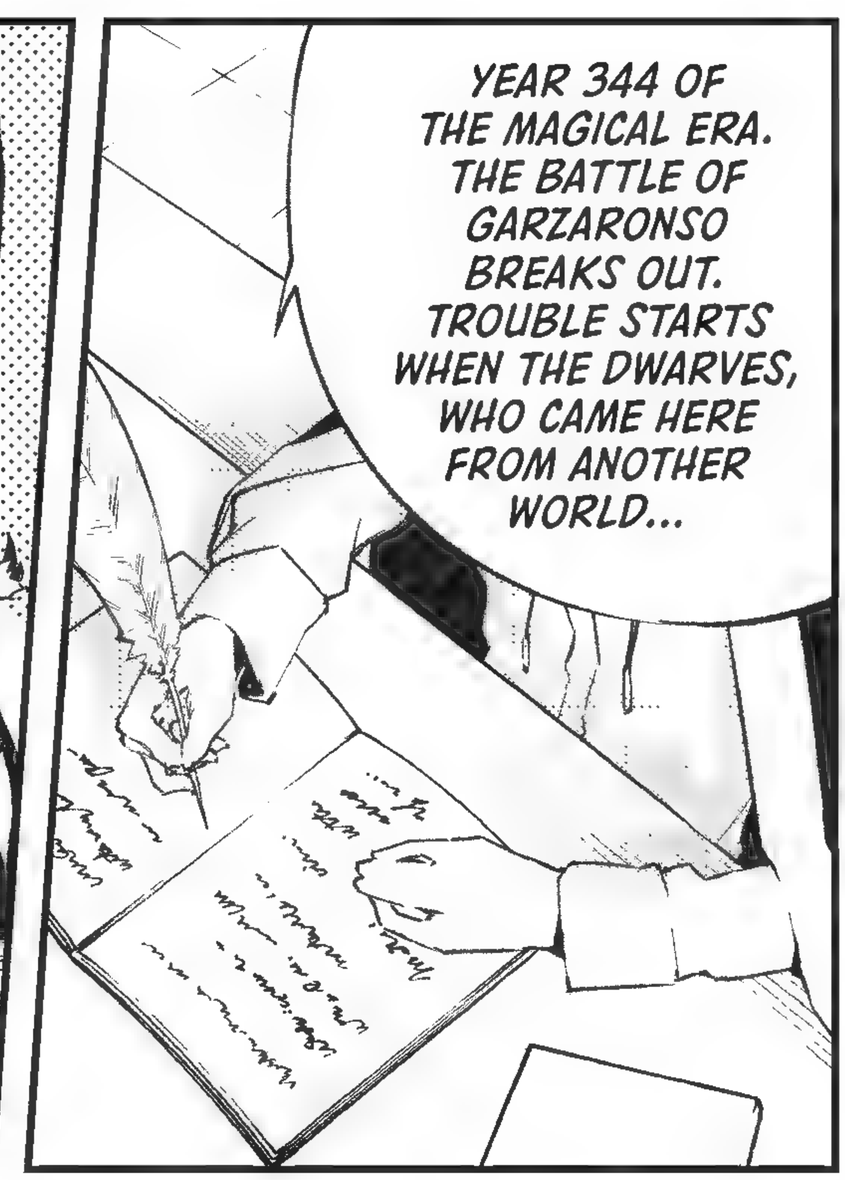
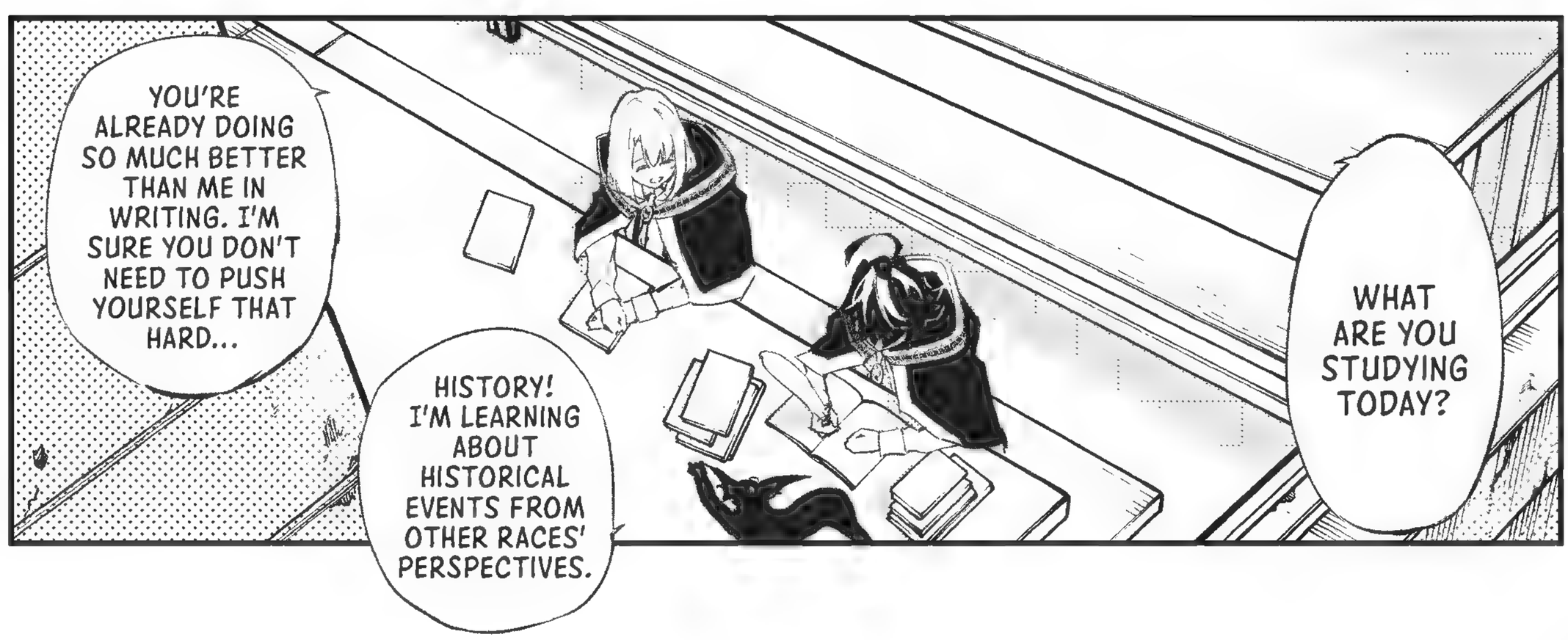
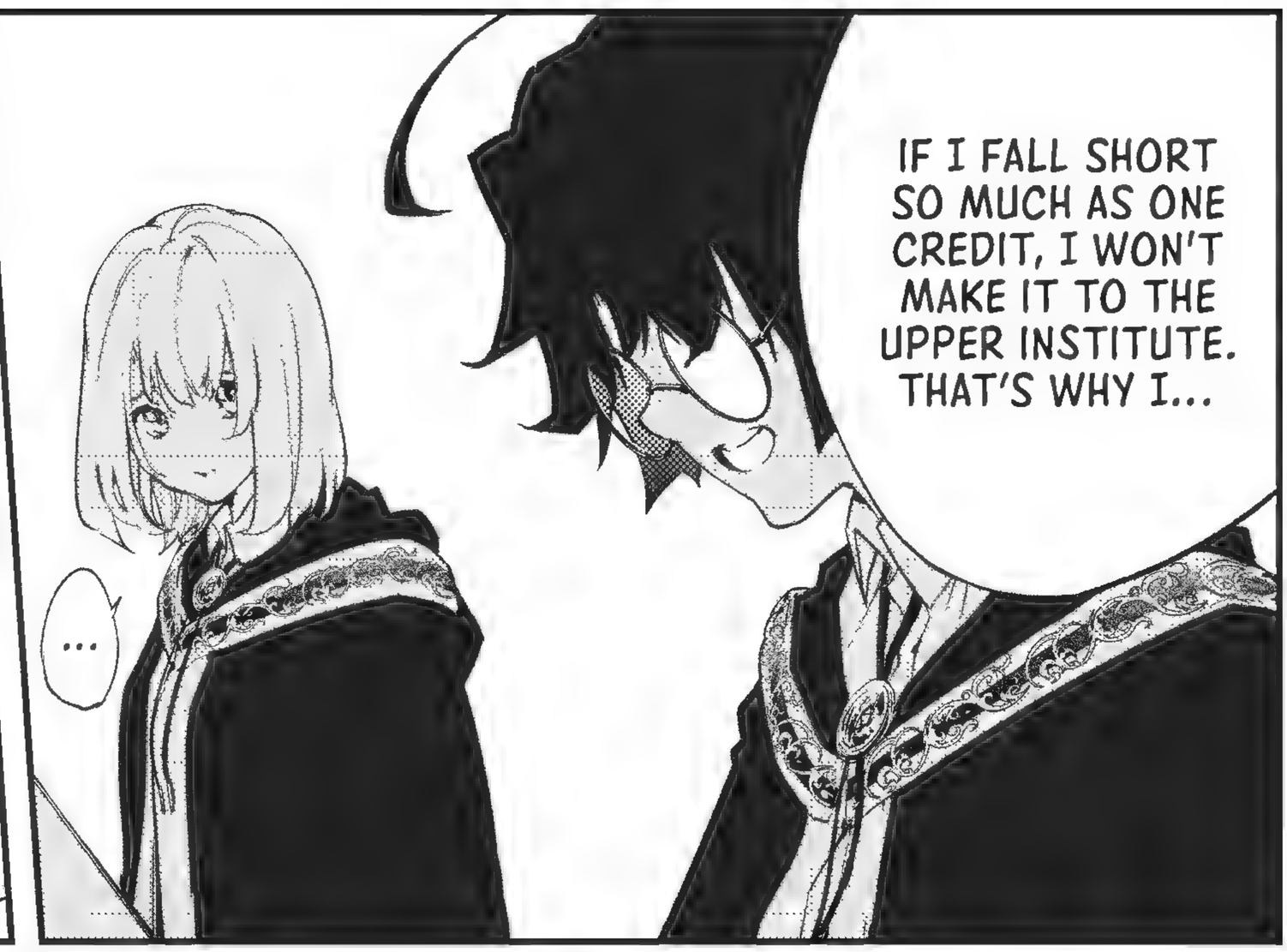
...GROW INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH CONSTANT OVERWORK AND EXPLOITATION, AS WELL AS HUMANS' PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TOWARD ELVES, ANOTHER RACE OF OFFWORLDERS. THE DWARVES RAISE AN ARMY OF 10,000. IN RESPONSE, THE TOWER...


YEAR 344 OF THE MAGICAL ERA. THE BATTLE OF GARZARONSO BREAKS OUT. TROUBLE STARTS WHEN THE DWARVES, WHO CAME HERE FROM ANOTHER WORLD...


YOU'RE ALREADY DOING SO MUCH BETTER THAN ME IN WRITING. I'M SURE YOU DON'T NEED TO PUSH YOURSELF THAT HARD...
HISTORY! I'M LEARNING ABOUT HISTORICAL EVENTS FROM OTHER RACES' PERSPECTIVES.
WHAT ARE YOU STUDYING TODAY?

BESIDES...


...
IF I FALL SHORT SO MUCH AS ONE CREDIT, I WON'T MAKE IT TO THE UPPER INSTITUTE. THAT'S WHY I...

...DWARVES CAN'T USE MAGIC, EITHER. I CAN RELATE.

THEY MARCHED ON...
...AGAINST A VAST MAGICAL HOST.

"NEVER SAY DIE!"

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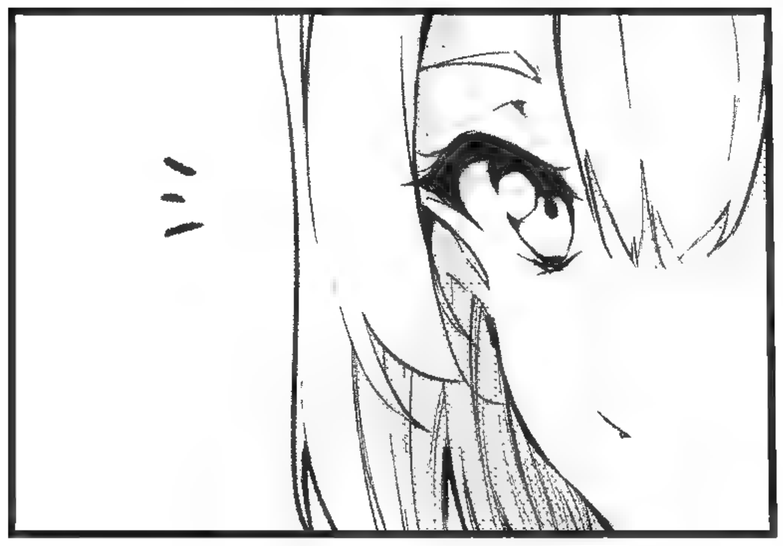
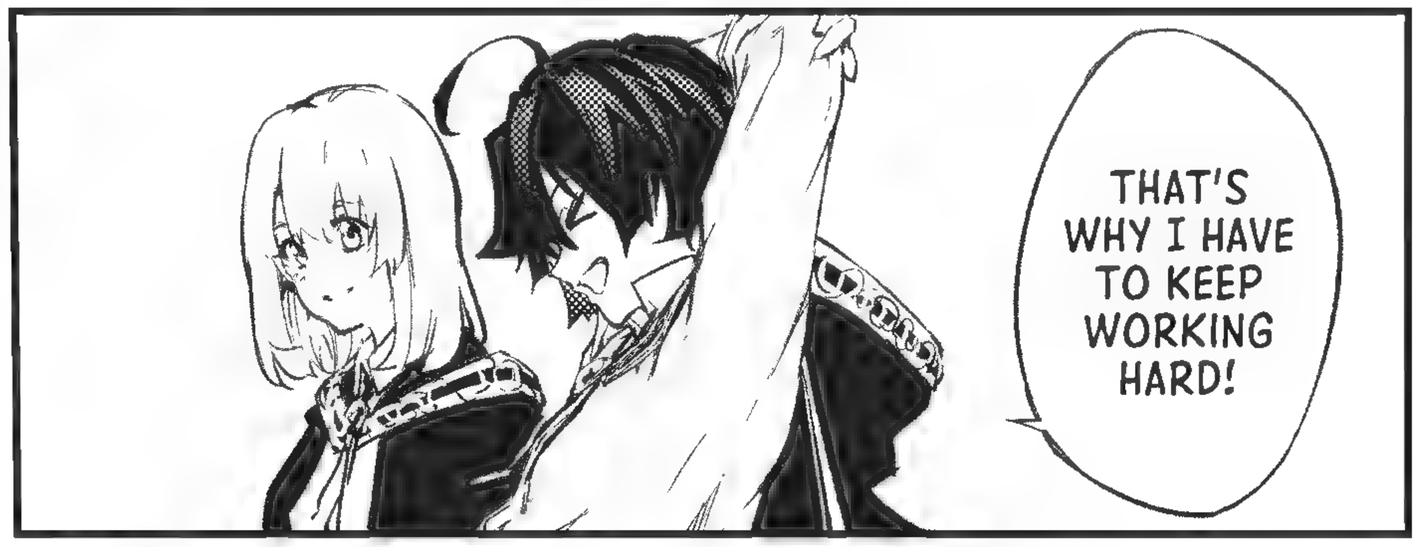
THAT'S MORE POWERFUL THAN EVEN MAGIC.





CLACK
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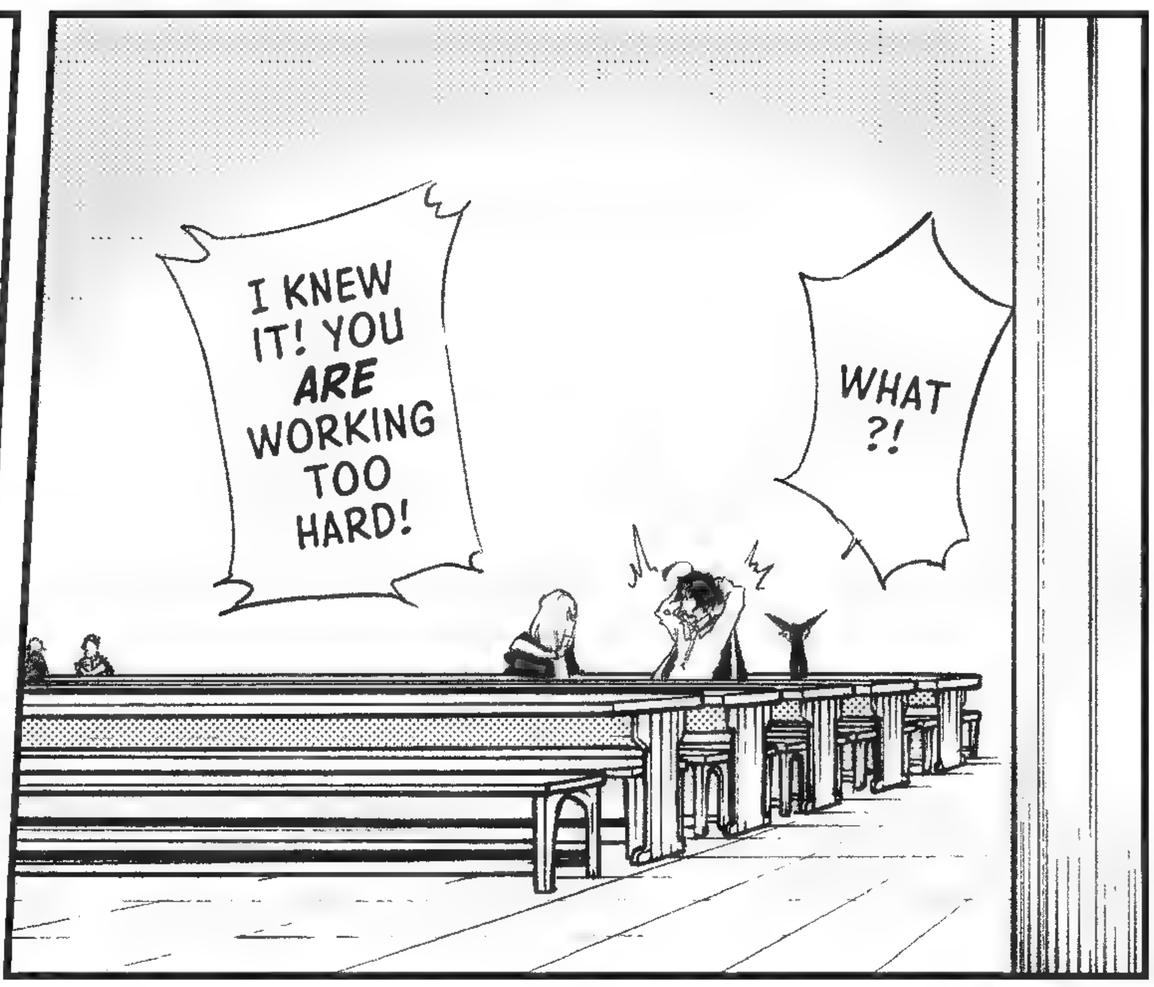
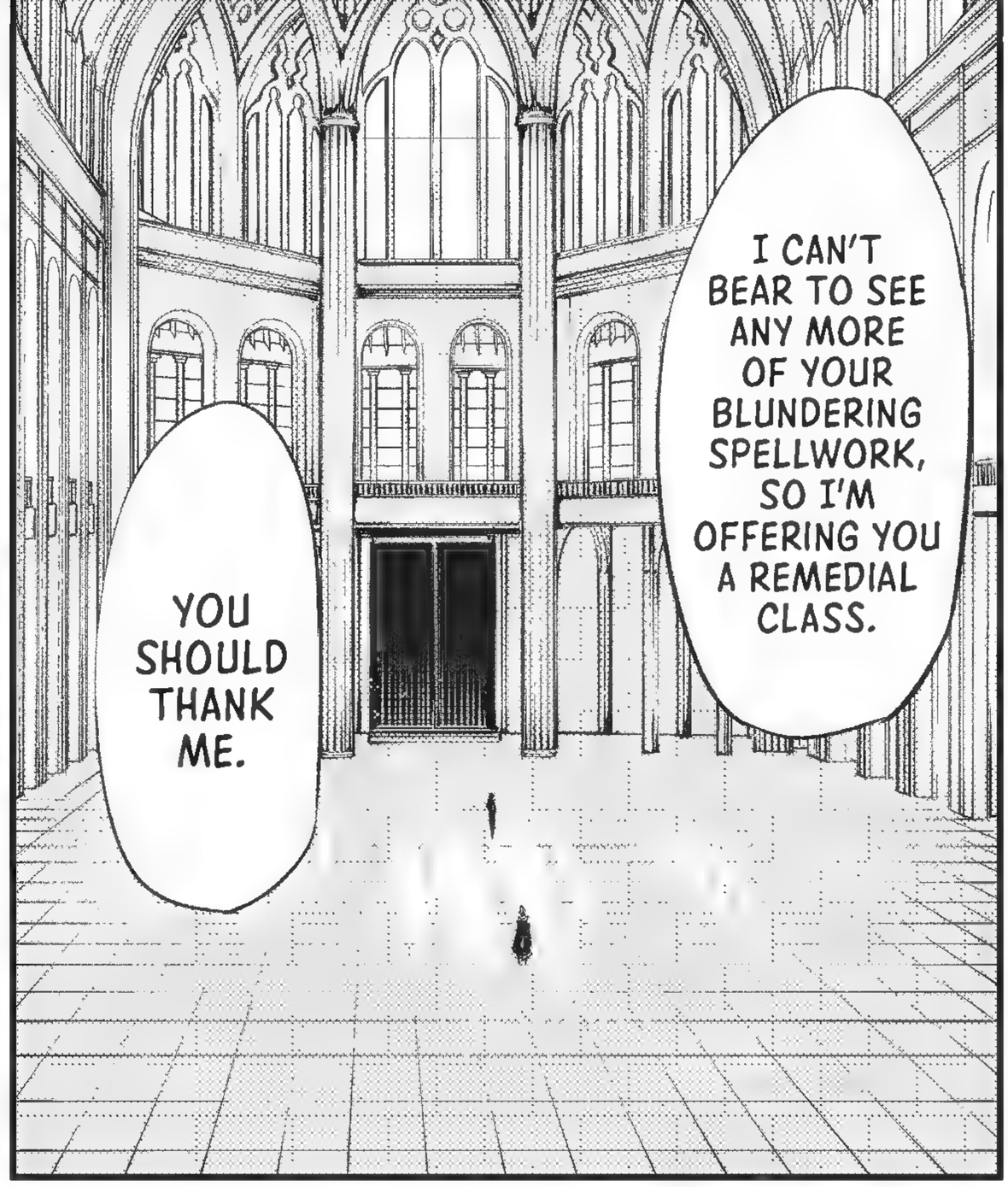
WHAT'S ALL THIS RUCKUS?

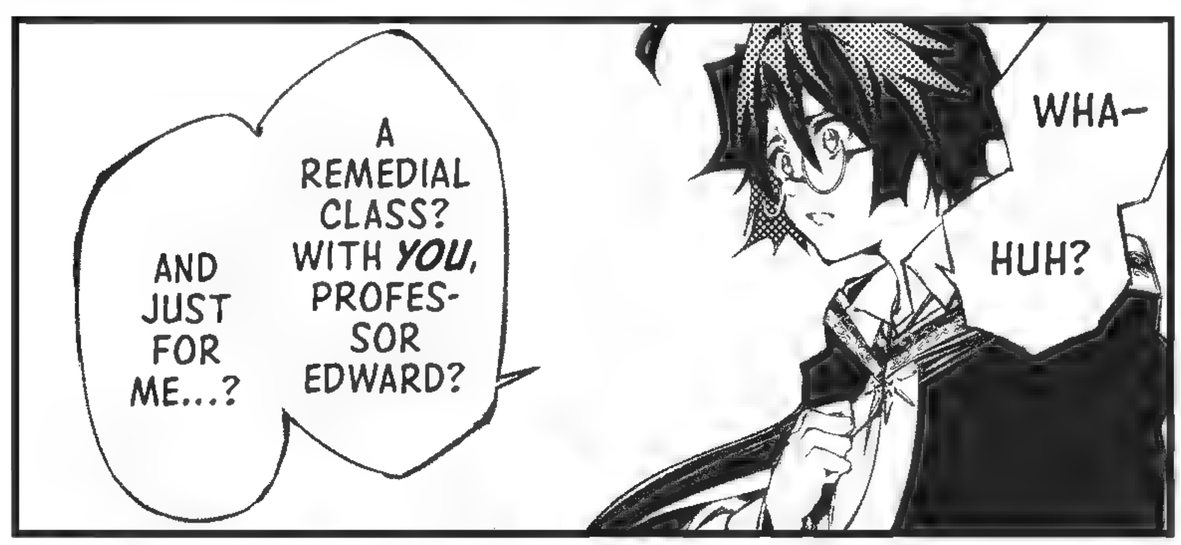

I KNEW IT! YOU ARE WORKING TOO HARD!
WHAT ?!

S-SORRY, SIR! WE WERE JUST STUDYING...
GLARE

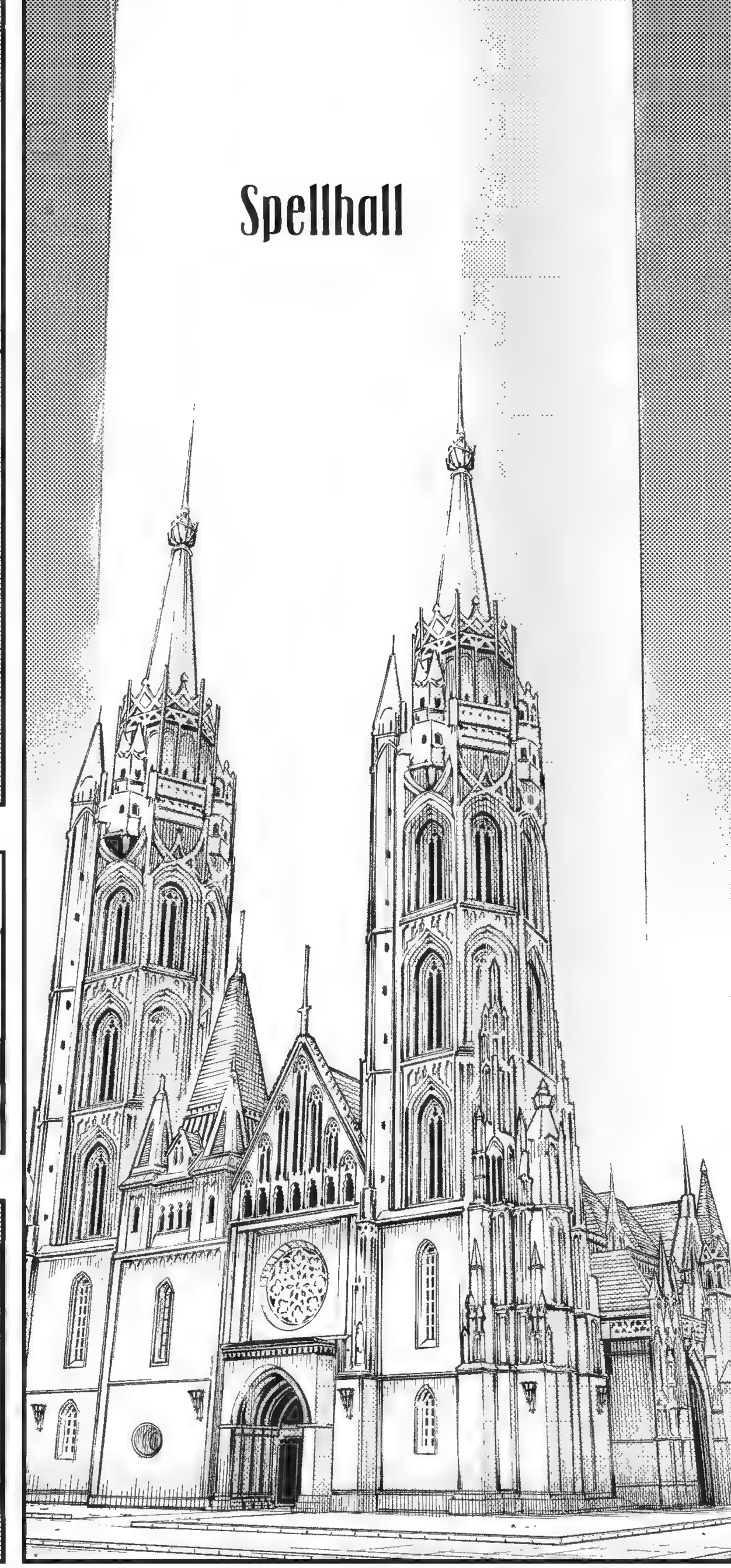
P-PROFESSOR EDWARD?!

SERFORT. SPELLHALL. COME ALONE.


YOU SHOULD THANK ME.
I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE ANY MORE OF YOUR BLUNDERING SPELLWORK, SO I'M OFFERING YOU A REMEDIAL CLASS.


AND JUST FOR ME...?
A REMEDIAL CLASS? WITH *YOU*, PROFES-SOR EDWARD?
WHA–
HUH?

INDEED.

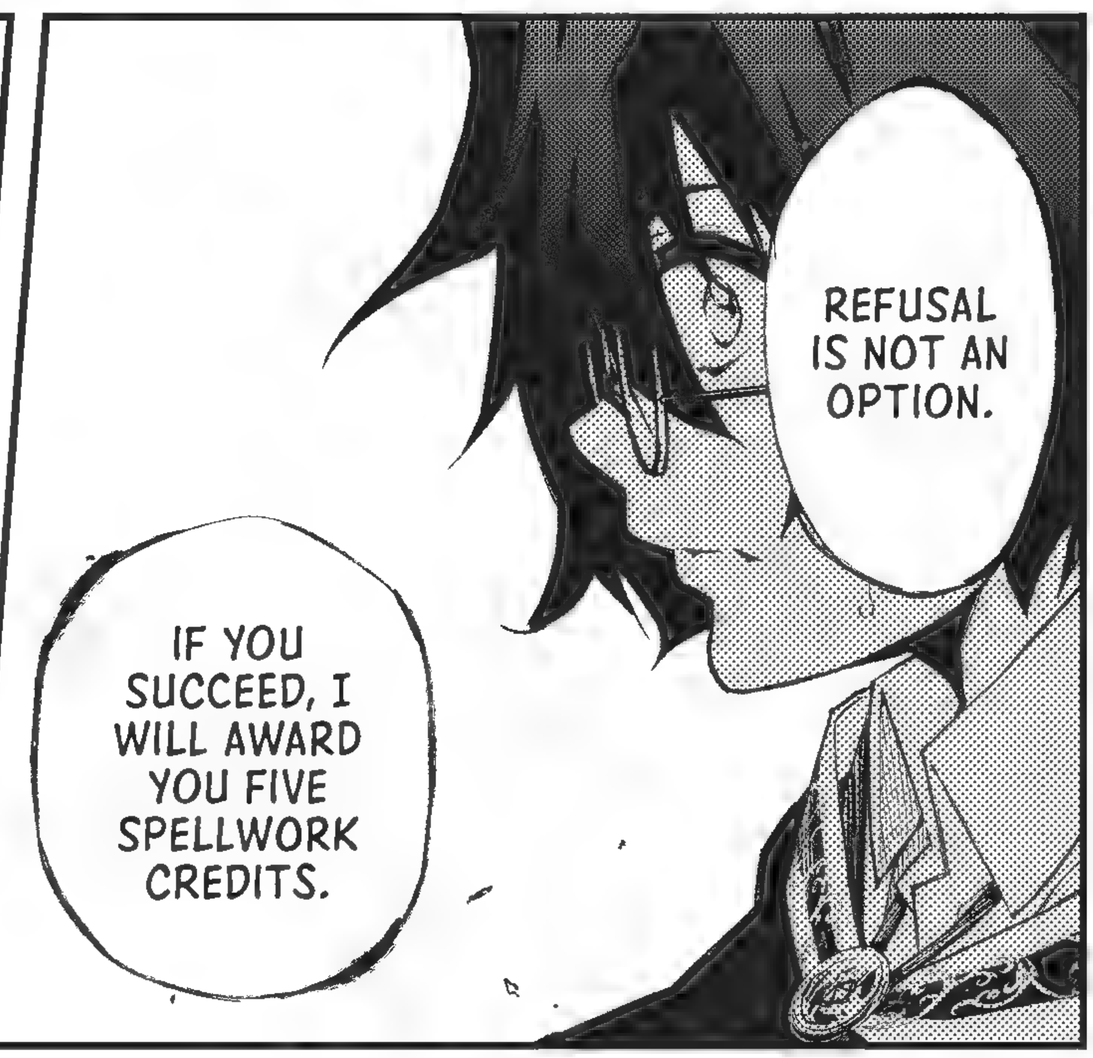

Spellhall

...TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE REALLY MADE OF.
I HAVE TAKEN IT UPON MYSELF...

BAM
WHA—

YOUR TASK IS TO LAND A SINGLE ATTACK ON ME.

SST
BUT IF YOU FAIL, YOU WILL LEAVE THE ACADEMY.


REFUSAL IS NOT AN OPTION.
IF YOU SUCCEED, I WILL AWARD YOU FIVE SPELLWORK CREDITS.

A NO-TALENT LIKE YOU HAS NO RIGHT TO EVEN *LOOK* UPON THE MAGIA VANDER.

DAX DARBICANS...

HUH?

YOU CALLED FOR ME, HEAD-MISTRESS?

I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW...

YES, SORRY TO TROUBLE YOU, WORKNER.

AND... *ED?!*

WILL?!

WHA—

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE...?!

NOW WAIT JUST A MOMENT!

EDWARD IS IN THE MIDDLE OF ADMINISTERING A TEST...AND I FORBID YOU TO STOP IT.

WORK-NER.

THAT'S JUST CRUEL!

GNN

THIS IS MADNESS...

WHY WOULD YOU LET ***PROFESSOR EDWARD***...?

BECAUSE...

WHY...?!

AND WHY IS THAT?

...HE'S COME CLOSER THAN ANYONE TO BECOMING A MAGIA VANDER!

HE MAY HAVE FALLEN SHORT, BUT HE STILL MADE IT TO THE TOP OF THE TOWER... HE'S AN ASCENDANT!

BOOOM

BUT HIS SPELLS ARE SO STRONG!

IT'S JUST LOW-LEVEL BLACK MAGIC.

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

DAX, DARBI-CANS...

WHAM

THAK

ZSH

!

DARGE.

EVEN WORSE...

AA AA

AH

...HIS DEFENSE IS ROCK SOLID.

!

YOU THINK YOU CAN *KICK* A MAGICAL SHIELD? HOW *UTTERLY* HOPELESS.

I'LL NEVER EVEN **SCRATCH** HIM!

I CAN'T FIND A SINGLE HOLE IN HIS OFFENSE OR HIS DEFENSE!

HIS SPELL-CASTING IS WAY TOO FAST!

HE'S NOT EVEN USING AN INCANTA-TION!

TWO, SERFORT.

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

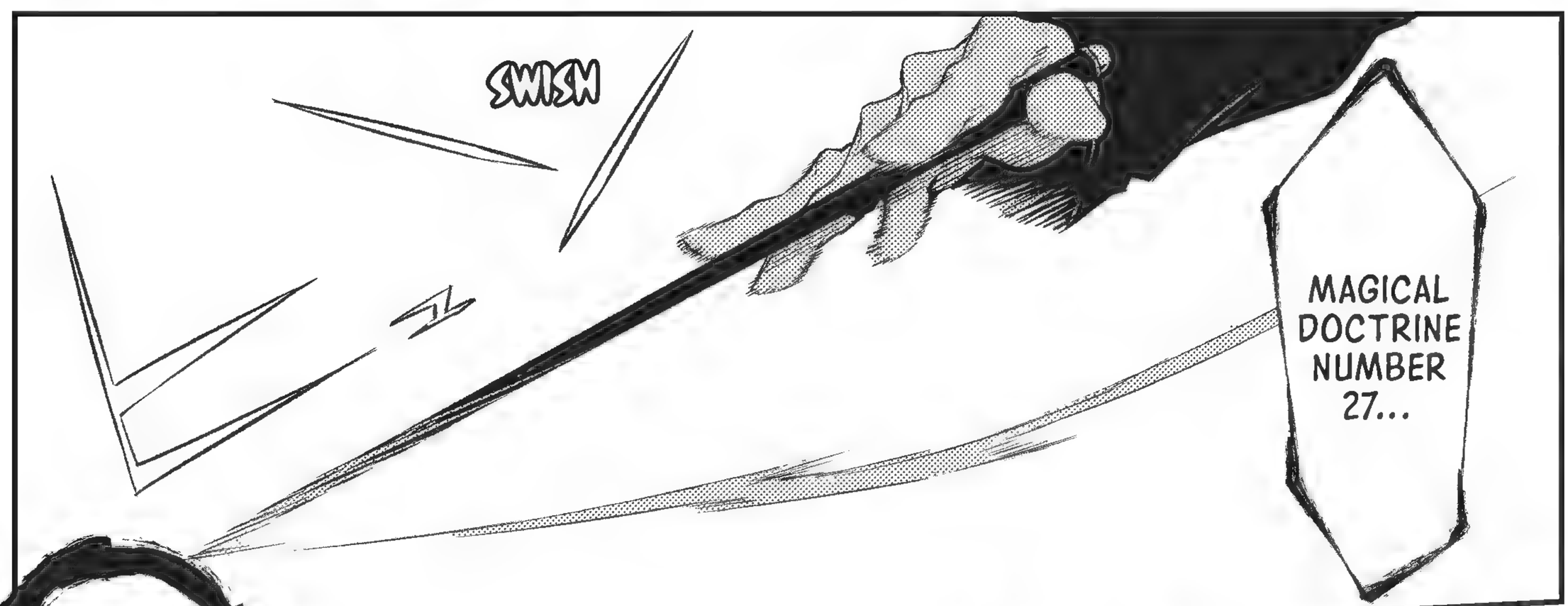
HUFF

HE'S TOO STRONG!

CLATR

HUFF
HUFF
GRR

I WILL USE EXACTLY TWO SPELLS.
A FIRE SPELL TO BURN YOU...
...AND A SHIELD SPELL TO DEFLECT YOUR CRUDE ATTACKS.


SWISH
MAGICAL DOCTRINE NUMBER 27...

"THAT ONE SPELL WILL BECOME ONE THOUSAND ARROWS IN YOUR QUIVER."
THRUM
"...THEN MASTER ONE INSTEAD."
"IF YOU CANNOT LEARN ONE THOUSAND SPELLS..."
THRUM
THRUM
THRUM

HE'S TALKING ABOUT MULTICASTING A SINGLE SPELL... HE'S USING AN OVERLAPPING SERIES?!

IT'S A DAX DARBICANS BARRAGE!

FAREWELL, NO-TALENT.

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

BAM

WH

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SH

BA-
BA-
BA-
BOOM
SKRRRKK

WHAM

I CAN'T BEAT HIM!

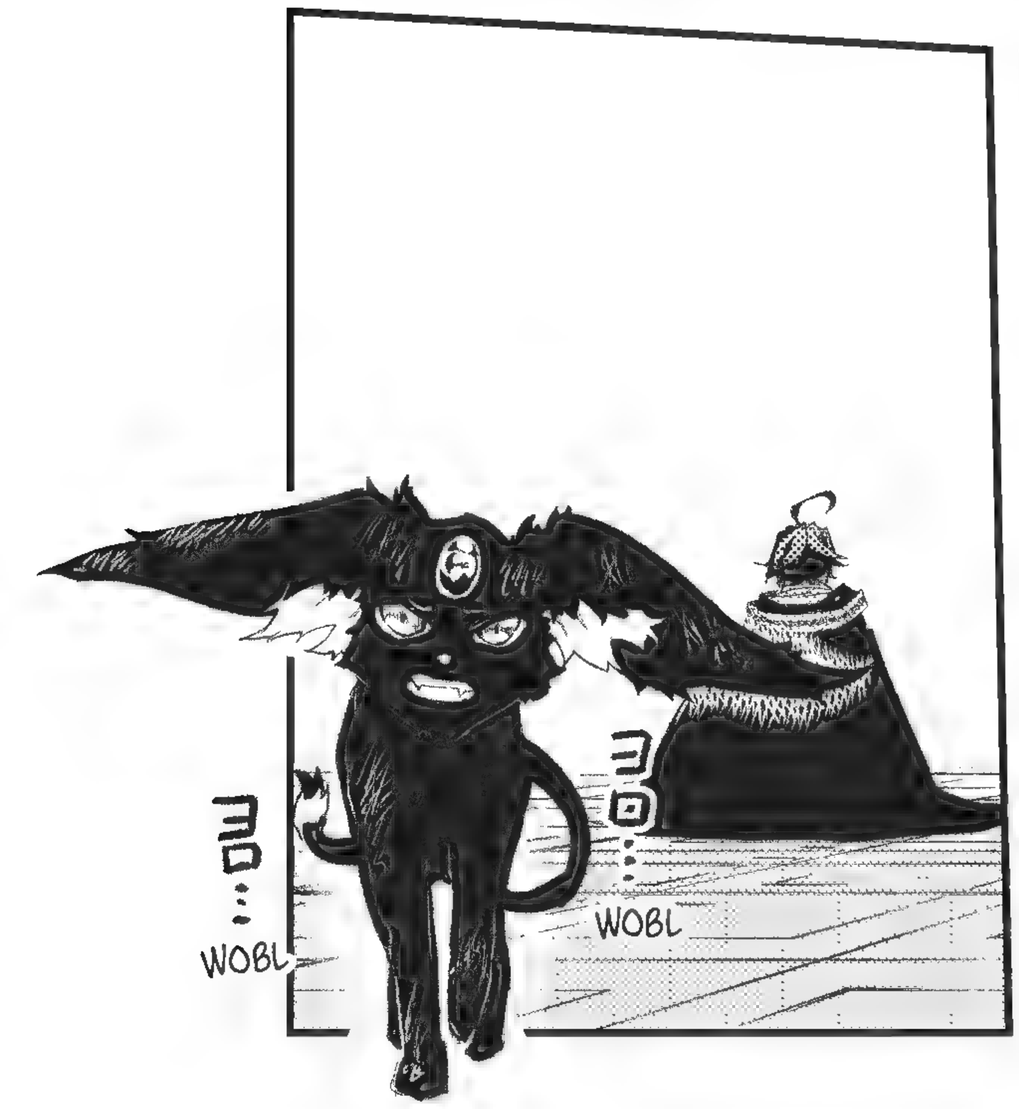
HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

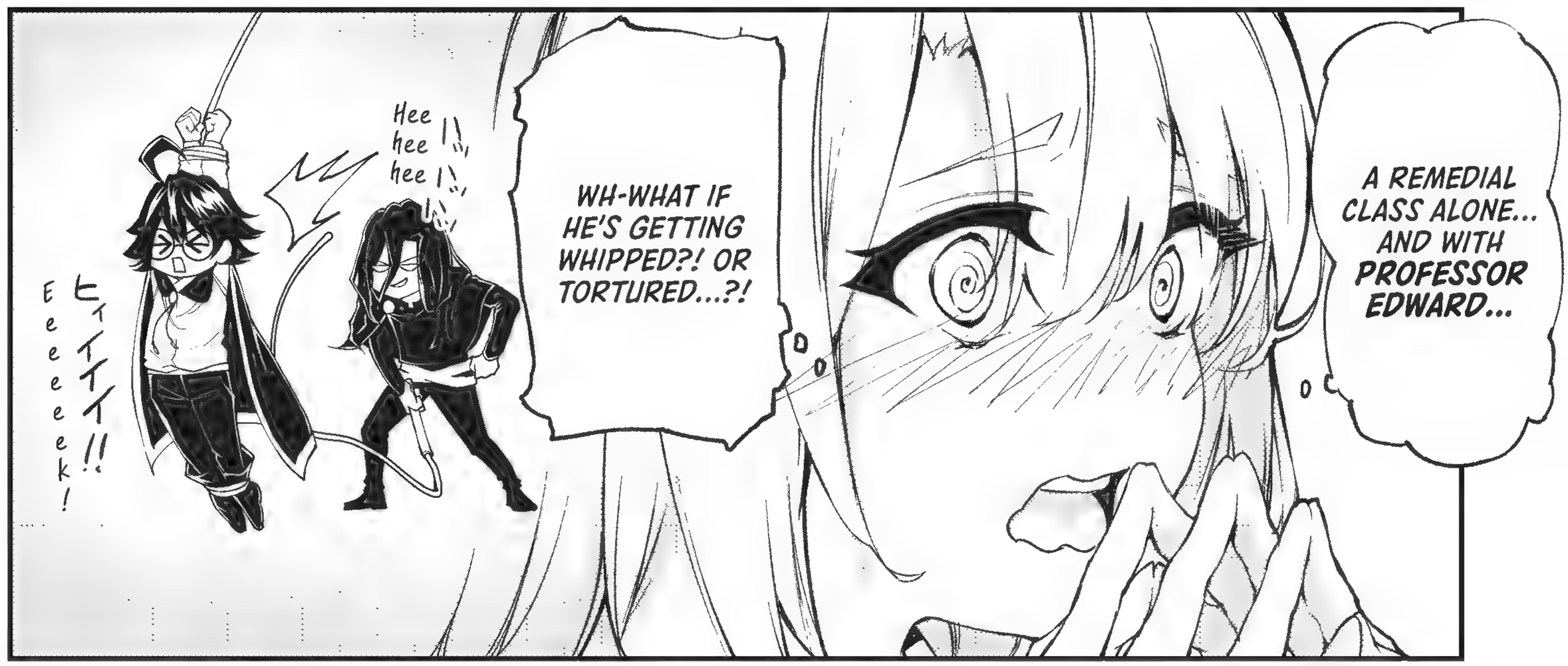
HUFF

THIS IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FIRST-CLASS MAGE...!



I HOPE WILL IS OKAY...
SIGH

THMP


Hee hee hee!
ヒィイイイ!! Eeeeek!
WH-WHAT IF HE'S GETTING WHIPPED?! OR TORTURED...?!
A REMEDIAL CLASS ALONE... AND WITH PROFESSOR EDWARD...

HUH?
KIKI?!
WOBL
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?!

MROW!
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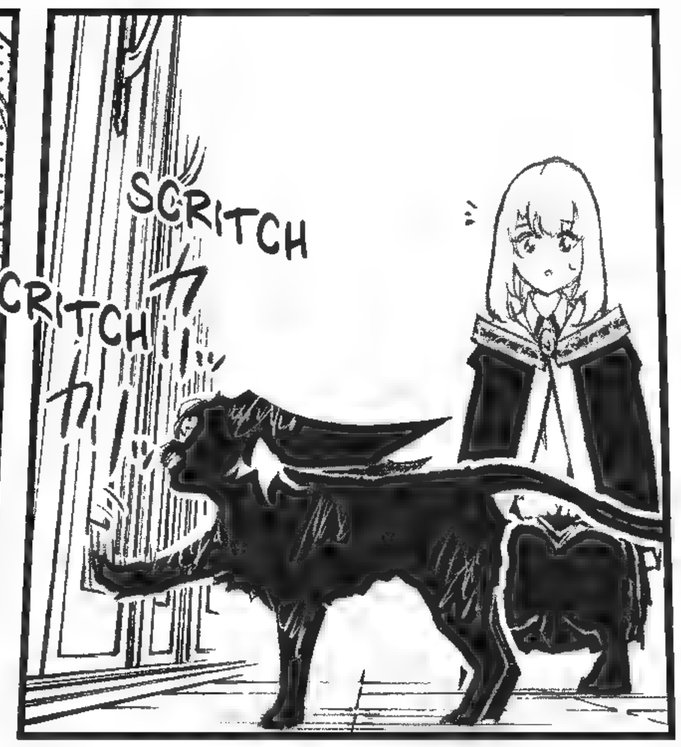
SCRITCH
SCRITCH カリ!!

YOU'RE HURT!

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO WILL...?

ZSH

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COUGH
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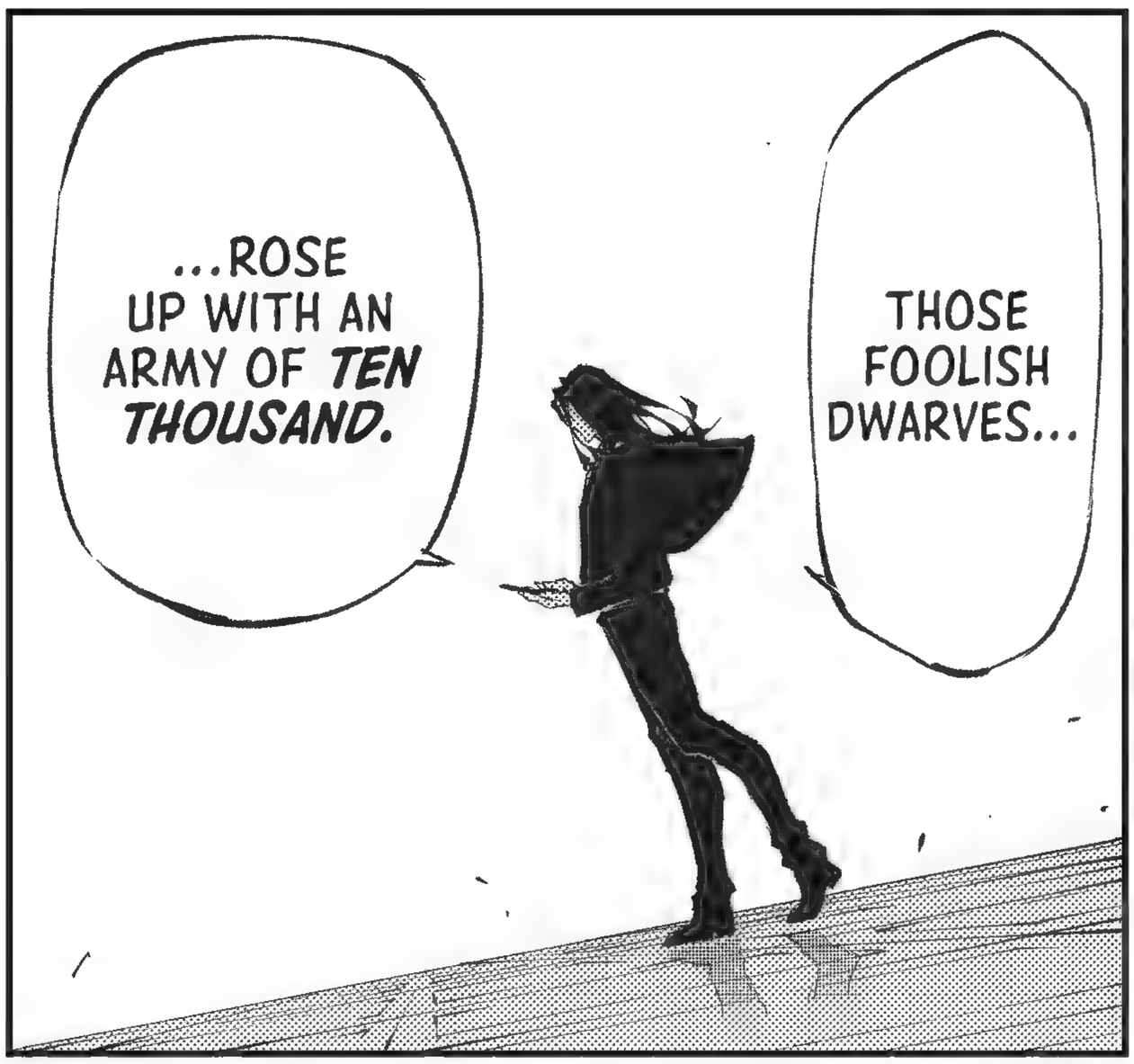
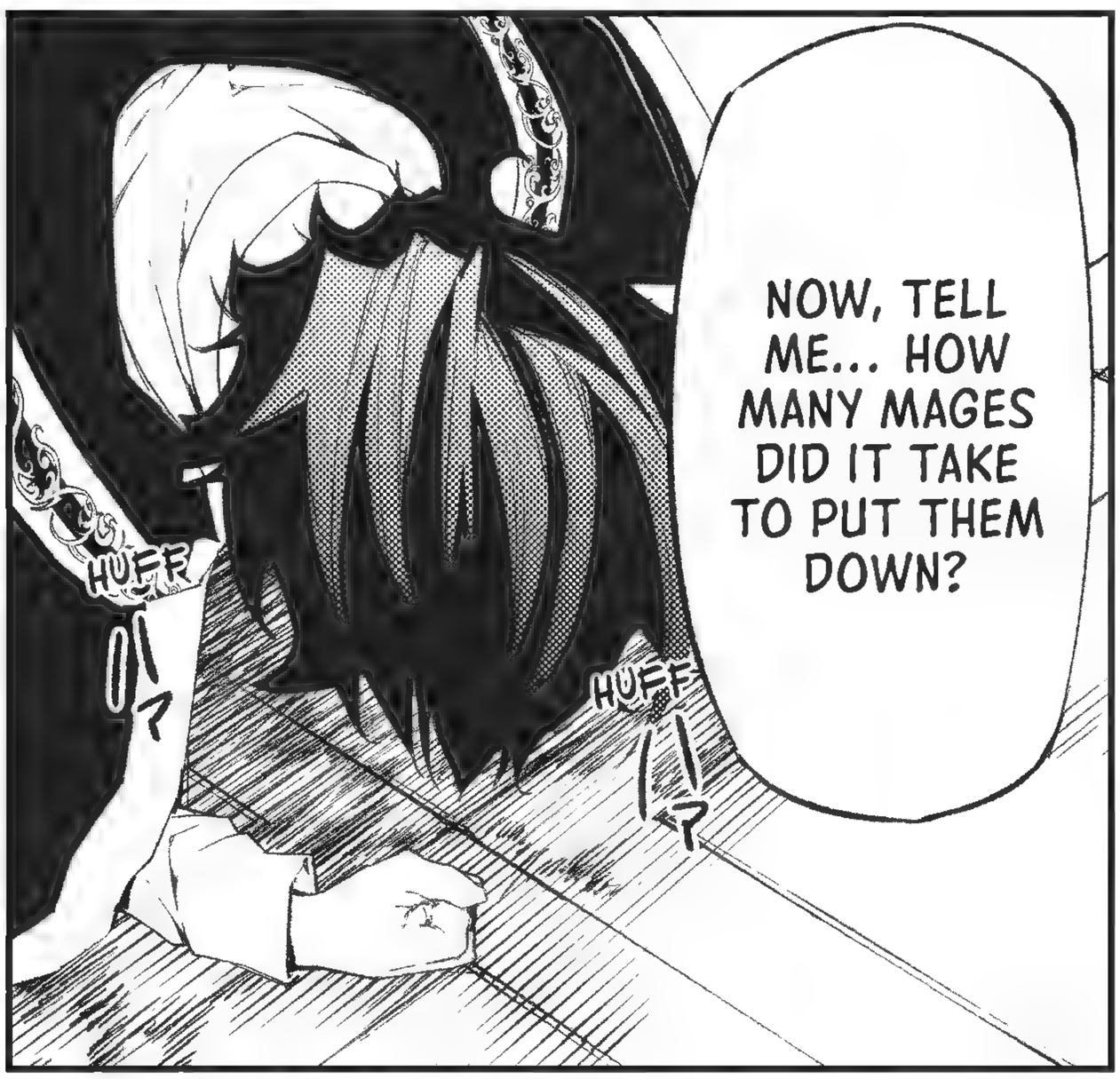
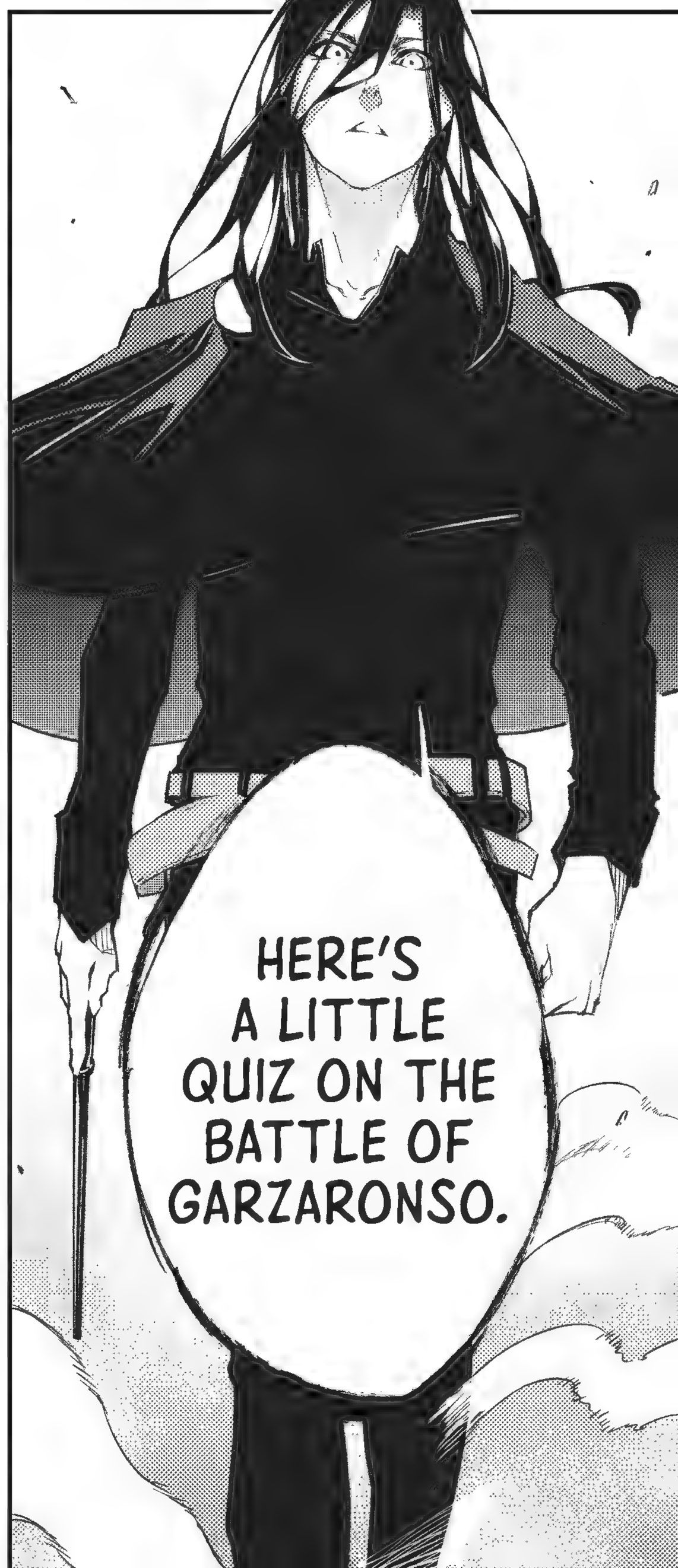






WHAM
ONE!
THAT IS HOW THE WORLD WORKS! THE WAND IS ALWAYS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD! *ALWAYS!* FORGET YOUR FOOLISH AMBITIONS!
TEN THOUSAND SOLDIERS ANNIHILATED BY A SINGLE VANDER!

GRK

!

GRAB

...I STILL WANT TO MAKE IT TO THE MAGIA VANDER!

WHAM!!
HNGH
HMPH
WHAT COULD POSSIBLY DRIVE YOU TO THESE LENGTHS?!
IS IT SOME *NOBLE CAUSE* OF YOURS?!
GRK

I WANT TO BE WITH THE GIRL I LOVE.
THMP
WHAT?

WHAT *NONSENSE!*

I WANT TO KEEP MY PROMISE TO ELFIE!

IT MIGHT SOUND RIDICULOUS TO AN ADULT...

...BUT IT'S WHAT I WANT, SO I'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES!

IT'S IGNOBLE! INDECENT! IMPURE!

YOU WOULD STRIVE FOR THE PINNACLE OF ALL MAGIC BECAUSE OF SOME FOOLISH, SHALLOW INFATUATION?! HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!

I'M GOING TO GO SEE THE SUNSET WITH ELFIE!

TMP

TMP

TMP

TMP

COLETTE?!

WILL!

W-

!

CATCH

THANKS!

YES!

KA-CLUNK
GRK

THRUM
MM
MM
MM
MM

GLARE
YOU WOULD WIELD A SWORD IN PLACE OF A WAND, YOU MISCREANT?
AWAY WITH YOU!
VWOOSH

FWISH

BUT...!

I SEE. YOU USED A MORIA BLADE TO CUT THROUGH MY MAGIC.

PLINK

HERE IT COMES!

I'M SCARED.

I'M SCARED.

I CAN'T STOP SHAKING.

I JUST WANT TO RUN AWAY AND HIDE!

THIS IS WHAT'S STANDING BETWEEN ME AND THE MAGIA VANDER.

I'LL GET BURNED AGAIN.

A THOUSAND FLAMES.

A TERRIBLE BARRAGE.

ANOTHER SERIES!

BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY FORWARD!

WHOOSH

YOU'RE FINISHED!

WILL!

THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY...

...OF THE BATTLE OF GARZARONSO.

...SAW HIS KINSMEN FALLING ALL AROUND HIM.

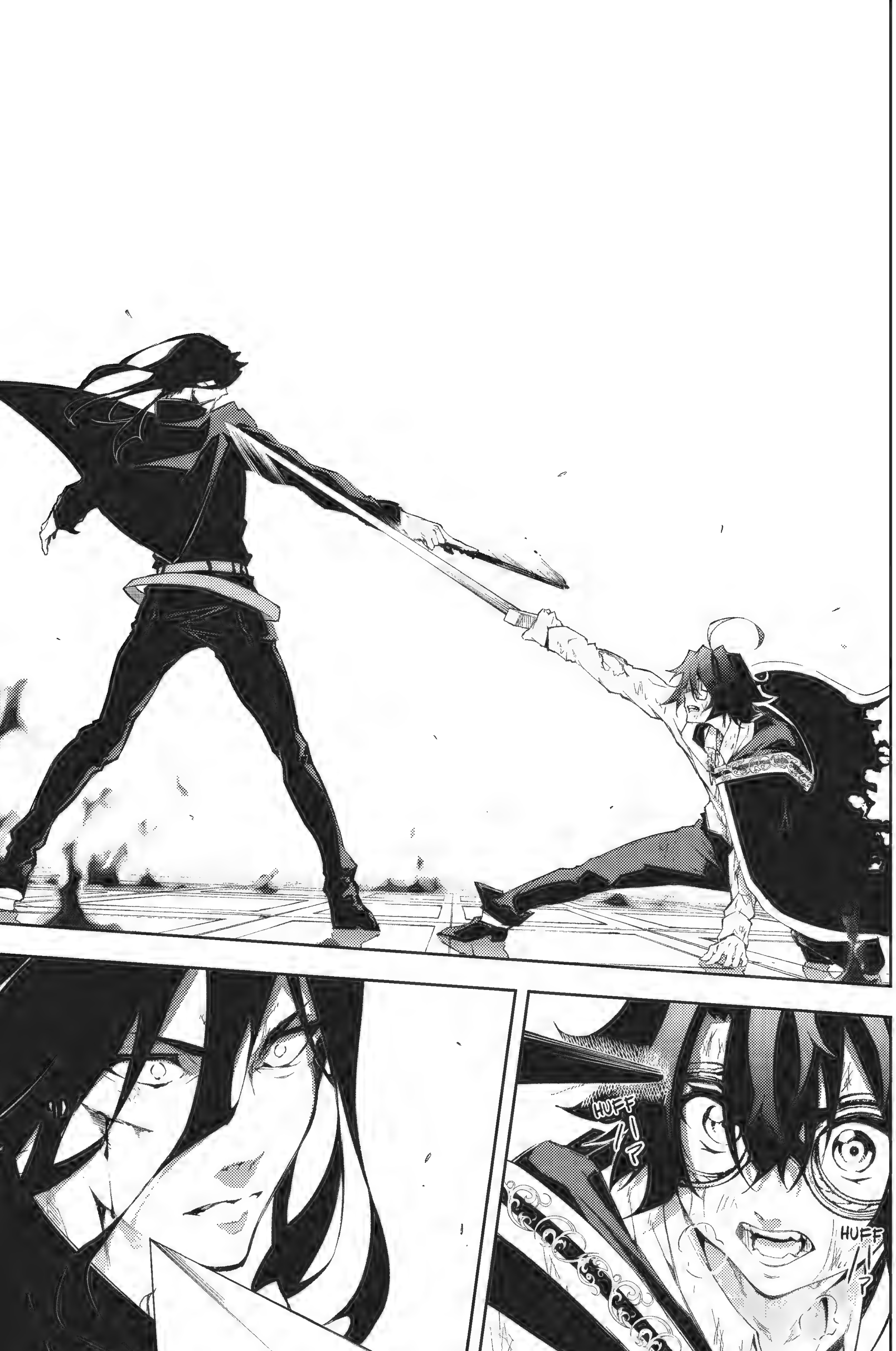
GARETH, THE BRAVE DWARVEN GENERAL...

YET, EVEN THEN...
...HE MANAGED TO LAND A BLOW ON HIS ENEMY.
THE MAGE MARVELLED AT THE VALIANT WARRIOR AND ACKNOWLEDGED HIS PROWESS.
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM

THE SWORD WAS AS MIGHTY...

THAT'S RIGHT...

...AS THE WAND!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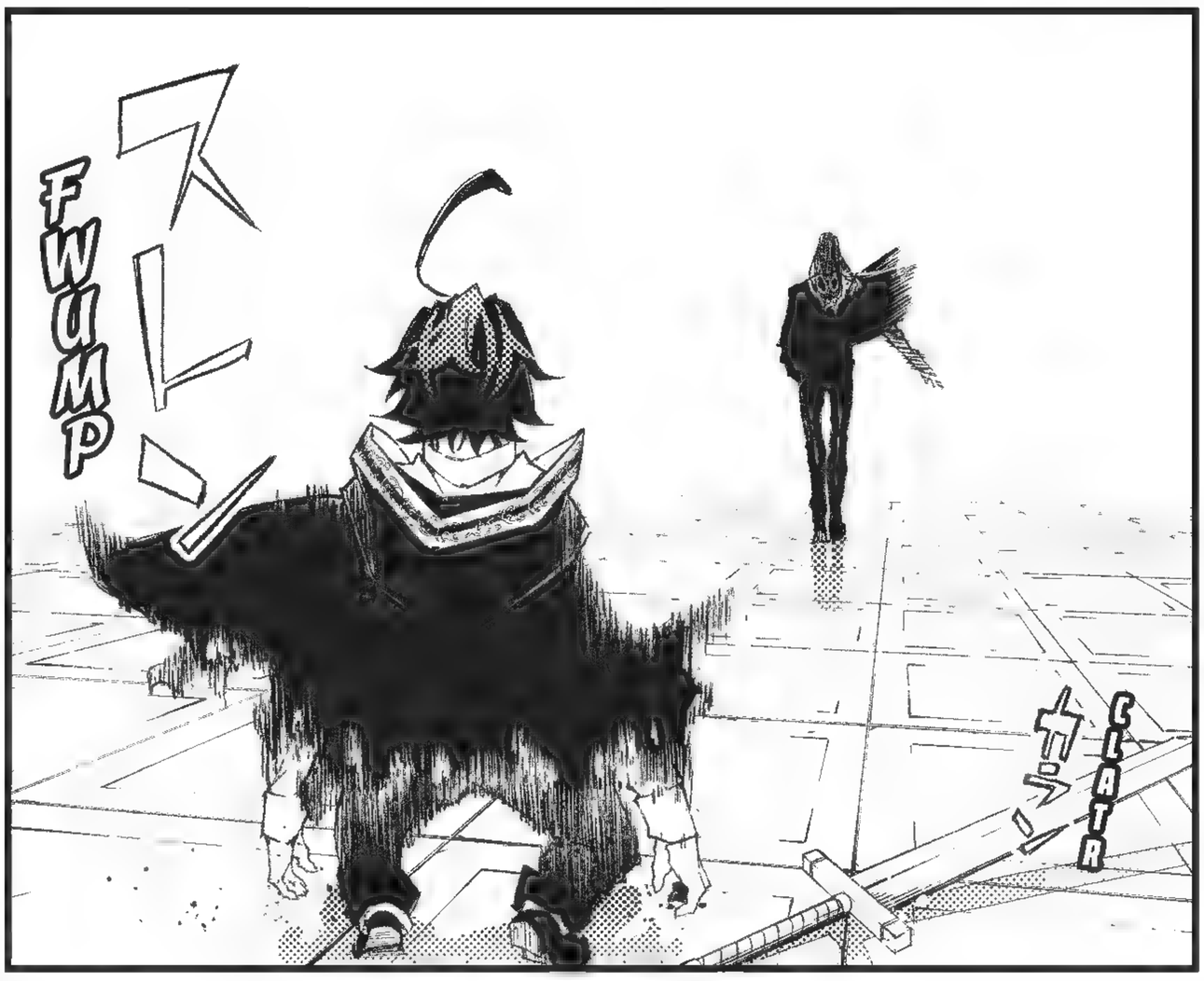
HUFF

I AWARD YOU... FIVE CREDITS.

WILL SERFORT...



WILL! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

WILL?!

SPLENDID!

...

AND WITH AN ATTACK POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SHATTER A MAGICAL SHIELD, TOO...
YES.

...AND STRUCK FROM THE BLIND SPOT ABOVE PROFESSOR EDWARD'S HEAD.
SO WILL DOVE INTO THE BARRAGE ON PURPOSE...

IMAGINE THAT... A SWORD THRUST CAPABLE OF SURPASSING EVEN MAGIC...
GLARE

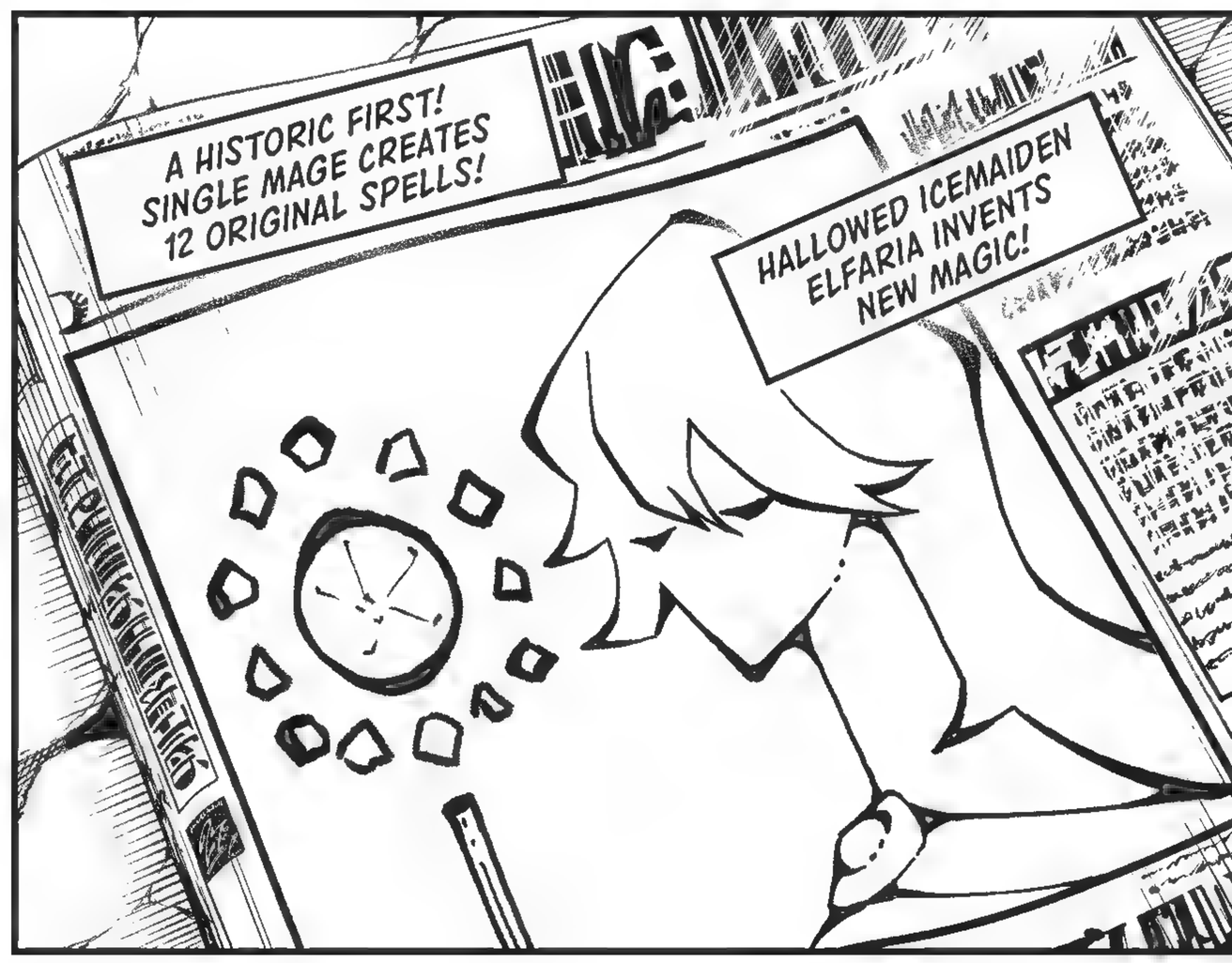
ONE MIGHT GO SO FAR AS TO SAY...
...THAT WILL BECAME THE SWORD.

...AN OVERACHIEVING BOOK LEARNER...
WILL SERFORT IS A NO-TALENT...
...AND A SELF-SUPPORTED STUDENT.
Oof!
Chapter 3: The Order & The Watcher, Pt. 1
AACK!
I'LL BE COUNTING ON IT!
GOOD LUCK ON YOUR PAPER ROUTE! I'LL SEE YOU LATER AT GINA'S PLACE!
HEY, THERE, WILL! EARLY AS EVER, I SEE!
MORNING, DONNAN!

I'D BETTER STEP IT UP, TOO!
I SEE YOU'RE WORKING HARD, ELFIE.

!
OH, NO...

MROW!
HMM?


A HISTORIC FIRST! SINGLE MAGE CREATES 12 ORIGINAL SPELLS!
HALLOWED ICEMAIDEN ELFARIA INVENTS NEW MAGIC!

THE CLIENT: THE ICEMAIDEN ELFARIA HERSELF...
THE UPPER INSTITUTE HAS ALSO PLACED AN ORDER WITH THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY.

WHAAAAAT?!

THMP
THMP
THMP
ROSTI!
ROSTIII!
...OUTSKIRTS.
REGARDEN DORMITORUS (ACADEMY HOUSING)...
BAM
CAN YOU GET ME ONE OF YOUR MAGIC ITEMS?
HEE HEE
CREAK
WHAT'S UP, WILL? WHY THE HURRY?

GO...? WHAT ABOUT CLASSES?

I DON'T HAVE ANY TODAY! SO I'M OFF TO THE DUNGEON!

THE ACADEMY GOT AN ORDER FROM ELFIE!

I HAVE TO GO FILL IT!

APPARENTLY, SHE NEEDS A *LOT* OF MAGICAL CATALYSTS, AND STUDENTS WILL GET PAID FOR WHATEVER THEY COLLECT! I'M GOING TO THE FOURTH FLOOR!

WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO GATHER ICE CORES FROM FROST WALKERS!

THAT'S WHY I NEED YOUR MAGIC ITEM, ROSTI!

GLEAM

GLEAM

...YOU REALLY DO HAVE A ONE-TRACK MIND, DON'T YOU, ROOMIE?
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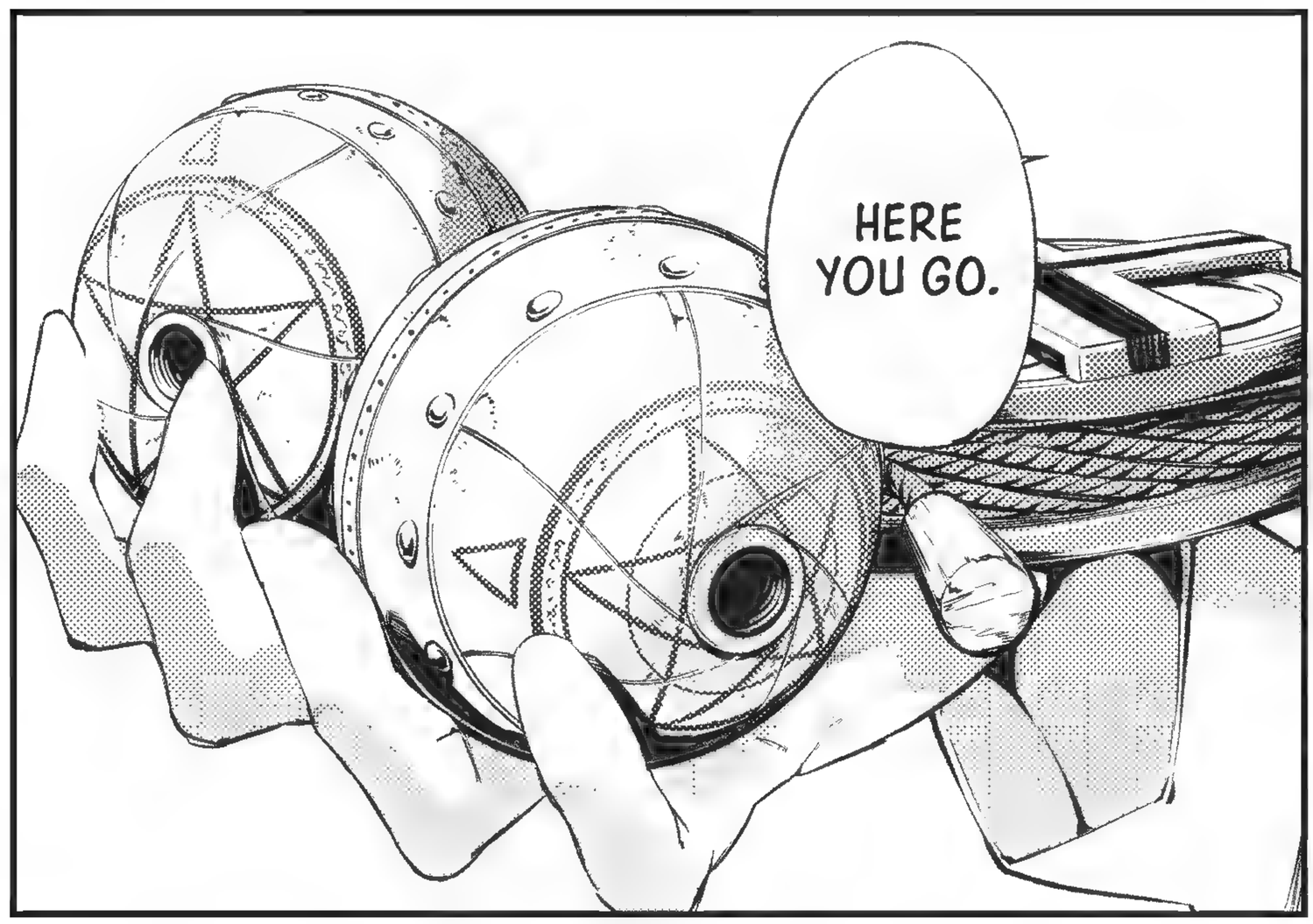
HERE YOU GO.

I'VE MADE SOME UPGRADES SINCE LAST TIME.

OH, AND WILL.

THAT'S MY ARTIFICER! THANKS!
FLAP
FLAP

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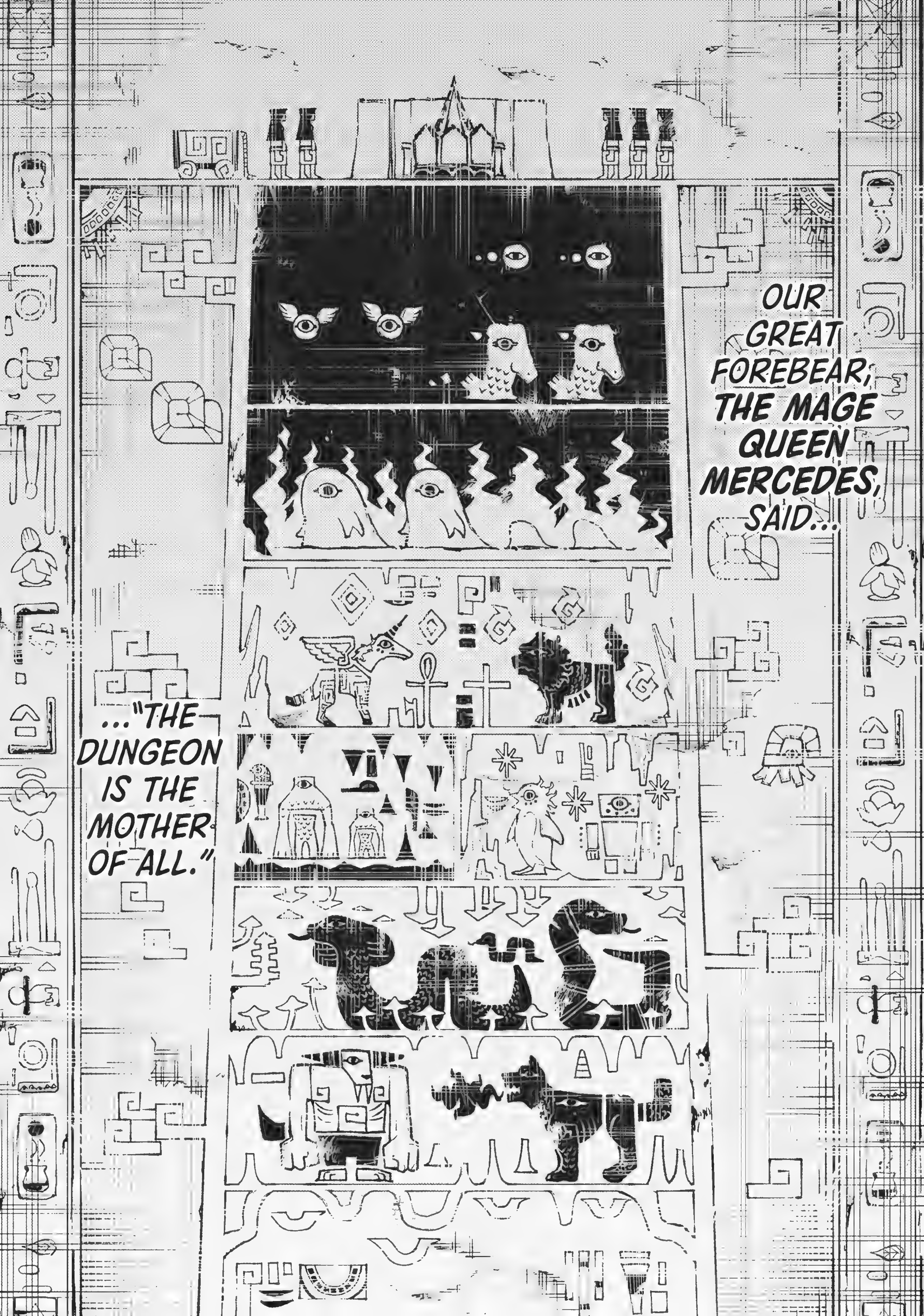
SEE YOU LATER.
NOM
BE BACK SOON!


OUR GREAT FOREBEAR, THE MAGE QUEEN MERCEDES, SAID...
..."THE DUNGEON IS THE MOTHER OF ALL."

"O CHILDREN OF MAGIC...

...CARRY YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM INTO THE DEPTHS.

MASTER THE UNKNOWN ALONG YOUR PATH.

EVERYTHING IS CONNECTED."

Fourth Floor

KABOOM
RMBL
CRASH
CLATR
CLATR
CLATR
YOU BLEW THOSE FROST WALKERS TO PIECES!
ALL RIGHT, SION!

HMPH.

THESE RUNTY LITTLE MONSTERS WON'T CUT IT...

WHAM

HIS ENEMY WAS MORE...

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S OUT FOR BLOOD...

WOW, SION...

THRUM

THRUM

...

THE WAY HE'S GOING, THERE WON'T BE ANY MONSTERS LEFT!

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FWOOM

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I'LL JUST HAVE TO GO FURTHER DO-

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SHING
?!

WHAT IN THE WORLD WAS...

WAIT...

WHAT...?

THAT WASN'T MAGIC...

IT WAS A... SWORD...?

TMP

!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? ARE YOU HURT?

GLAD YOU'RE OKAY.

I'M WILL.

UM... YOU ARE?

...

...N-NO! I'M FINE!

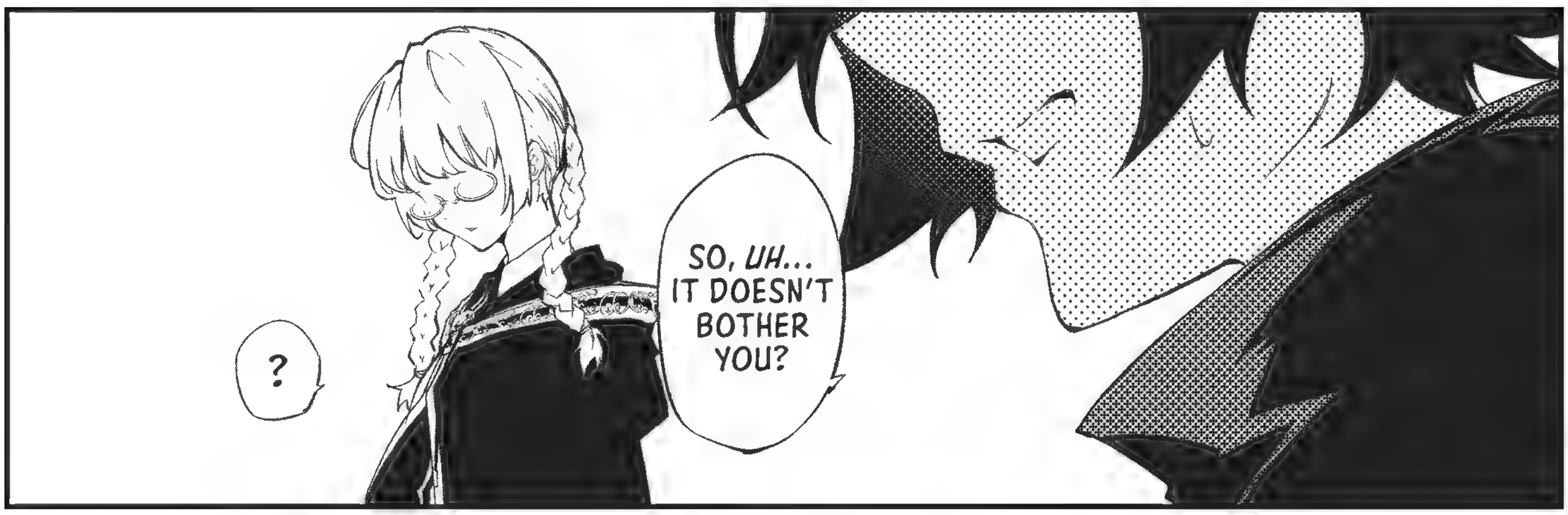
ALL THANKS TO YOU!

...MY NAME IS IRIS!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAN'T USE MAGIC...THE SCHOOL'S FIRST-EVER NO-TALENT!
OH!
YOU MUST BE THAT UPPER-CLASSMAN! THE BOOK LEARNER!

I'M ONLY FOURTEEN!
ANYWAY, WHY *UPPER-CLASS-MAN?*
THE FIRST EVER, HUH...

TWO YEARS YOUNGER... SO SHE'S A FOURTH-YEAR.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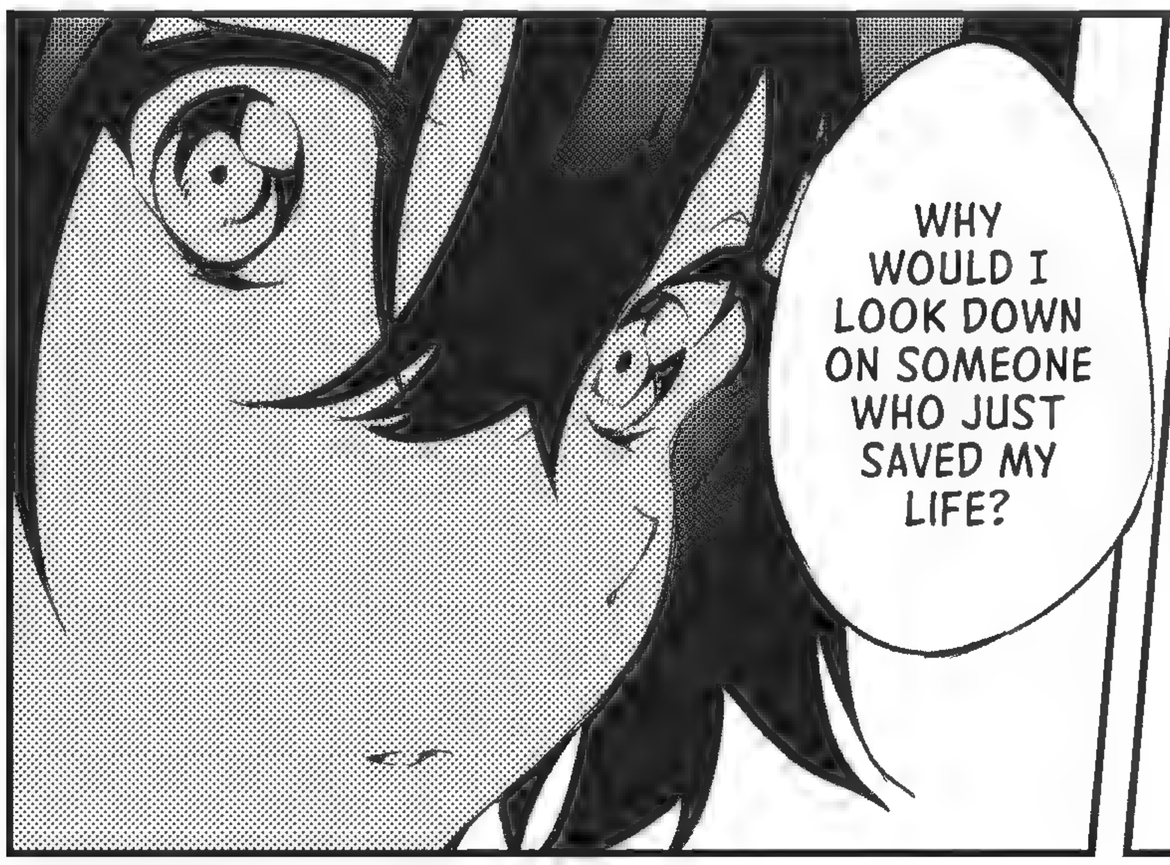
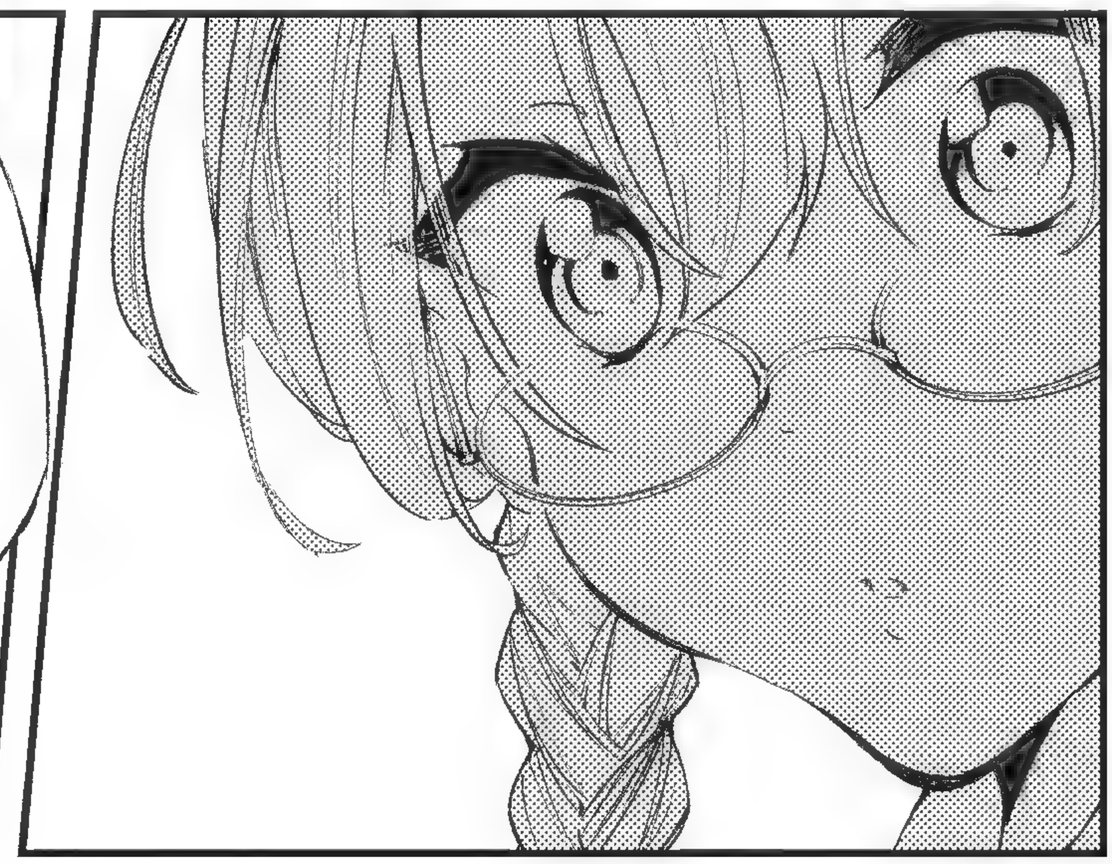
SO, UH... IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOU?

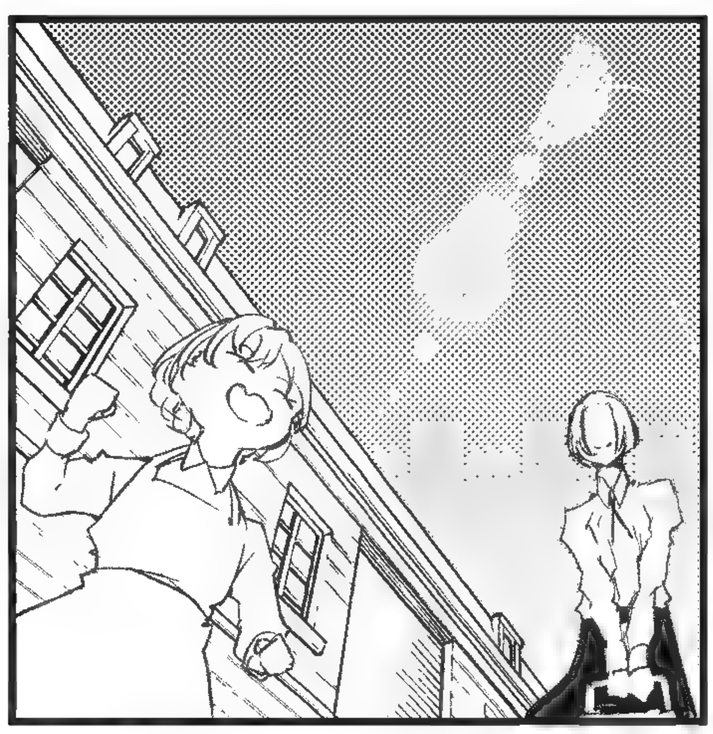
LIKE YOU SAID, I'M A NO-TALENT. YOU...DON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST ME?

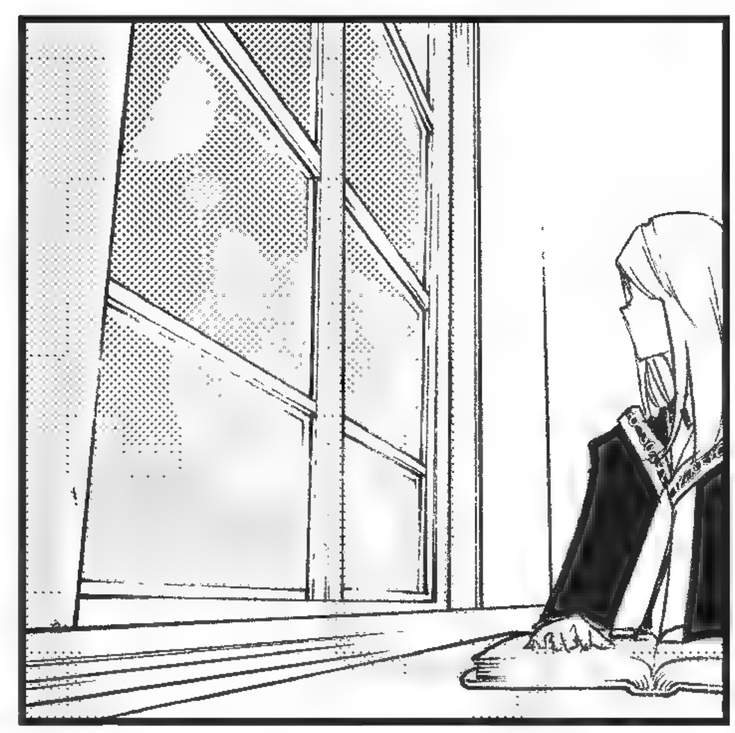

WHY WOULD I LOOK DOWN ON SOMEONE WHO JUST SAVED MY LIFE?

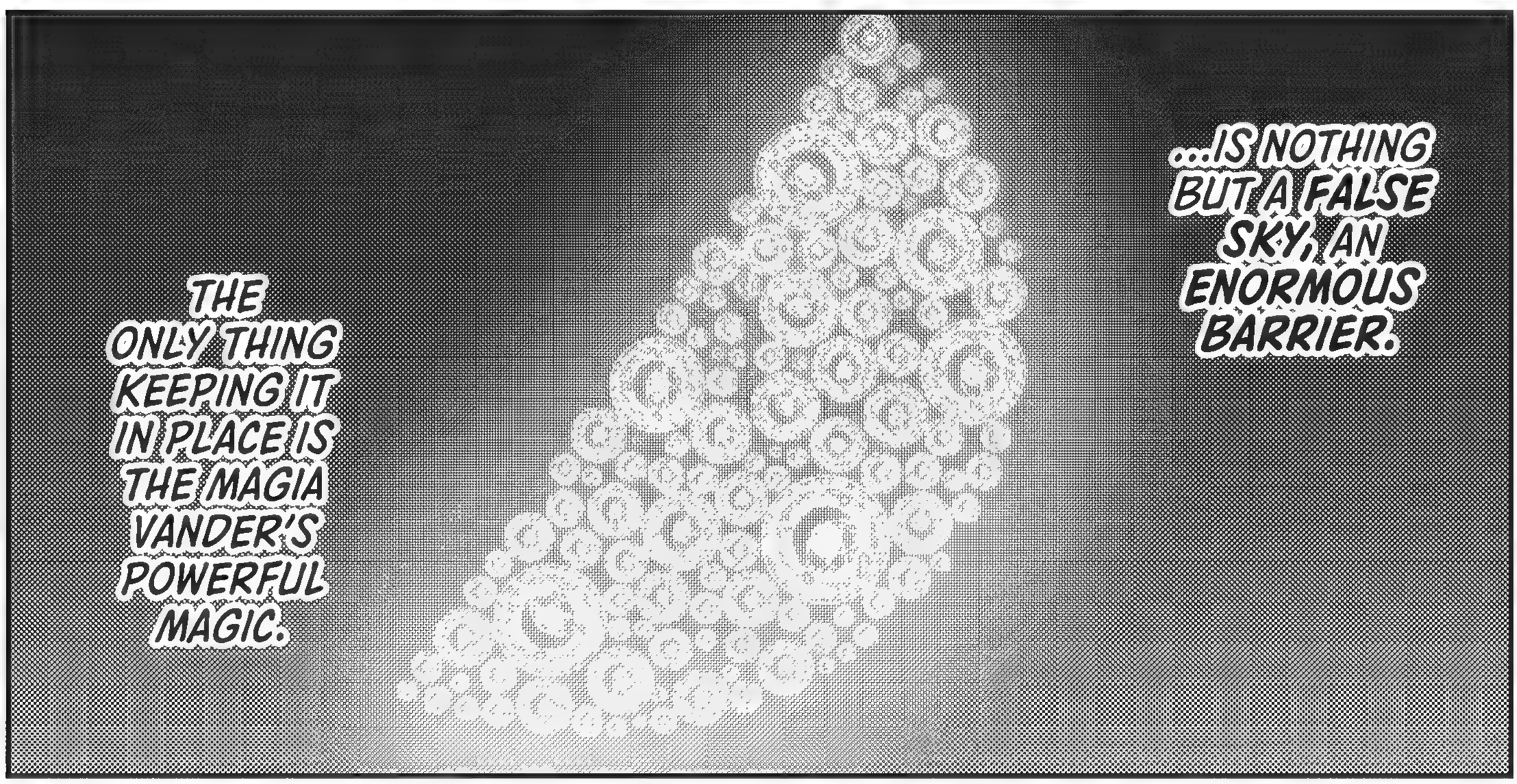


YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO DO MAGIC, BUT YOU DO HAVE TALENT. I REALLY RESPECT THAT.

WE'VE NEVER SEEN THE REAL SKY.







...AND THE CALAMITY WILL BEGIN.

ACCORDING TO THE LORE, WHEN THAT BARRIER FAILS, THE WORLD WILL BE PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS ONCE MORE...

...IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE WE WANT TO BECOME MAGIA VANDER OURSELVES...

WHEN WE STUDENTS WORK TO FILL ORDERS...

...IT'S BECAUSE WE BELIEVE WE'RE DOING OUR PART TO HOLD UP THE SKY.

I'VE ACTUALLY MET LADY ELFARIA!

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW SOMETHING, WILL?

YES! I GOT TO TALK TO HER ABOUT SO MANY THINGS...
WHAT?! REALLY?

OH, LADY ELFARIA! I LIVE TO SERVE YOU!
スススッ... SCOOOT

I WAS SO EXCITED WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE ORDER, I RACED DOWN HERE ALL BY MYSELF...

...A SINGLE FROST WALKER!

...BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND...

...

MY SEARCH SPELLS AREN'T PICKING UP ANYTHING, EITHER...

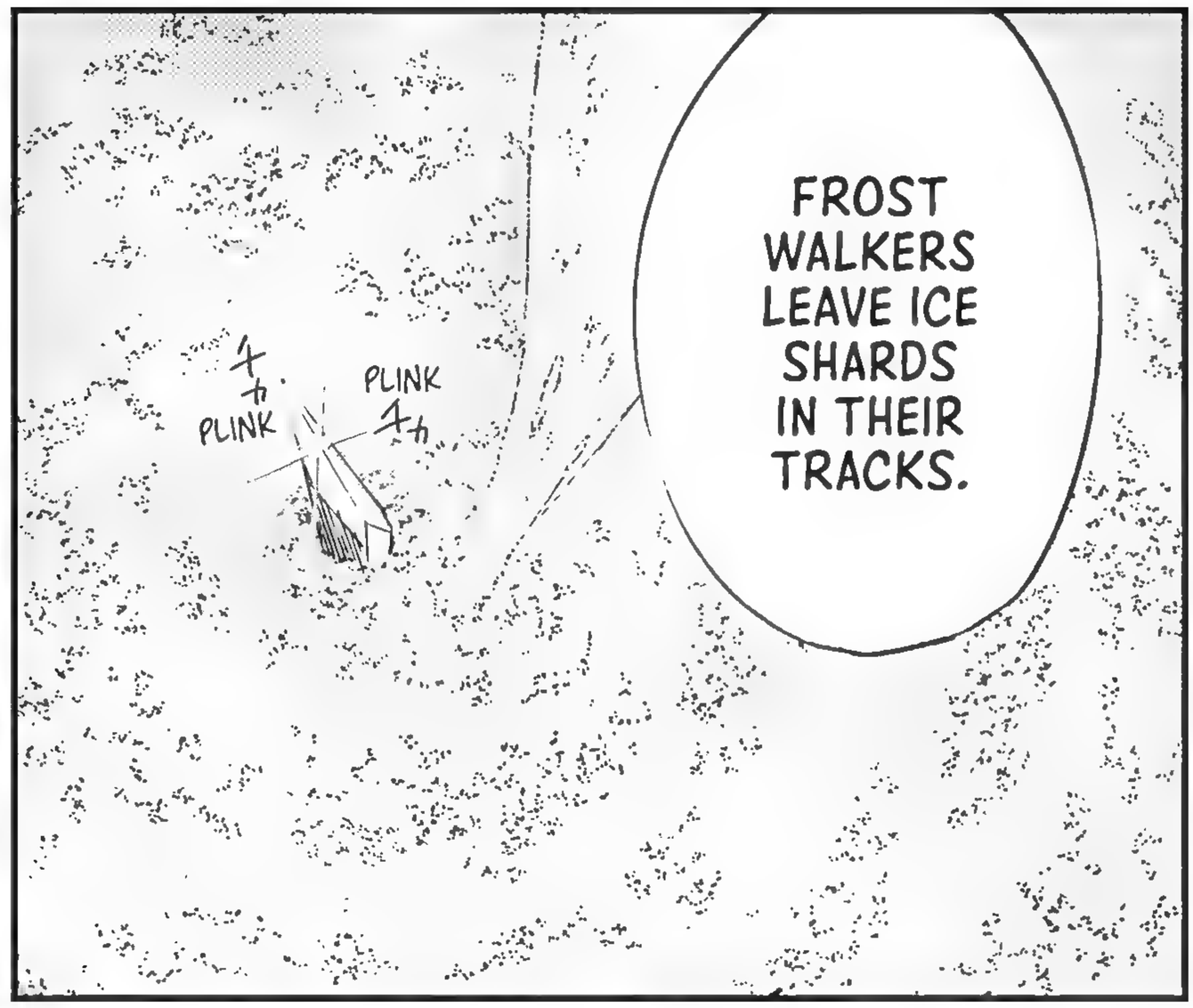
THE OTHER STUDENTS MUST HAVE TAKEN THEM ALL OUT.

PLINK

PLINK

WILL? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

THEY'RE USUALLY BETWEEN 0.5 AND 1 *MILLE* WIDE...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FROST WALKERS LEAVE ICE SHARDS IN THEIR TRACKS.

...BUT THESE ARE MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT.
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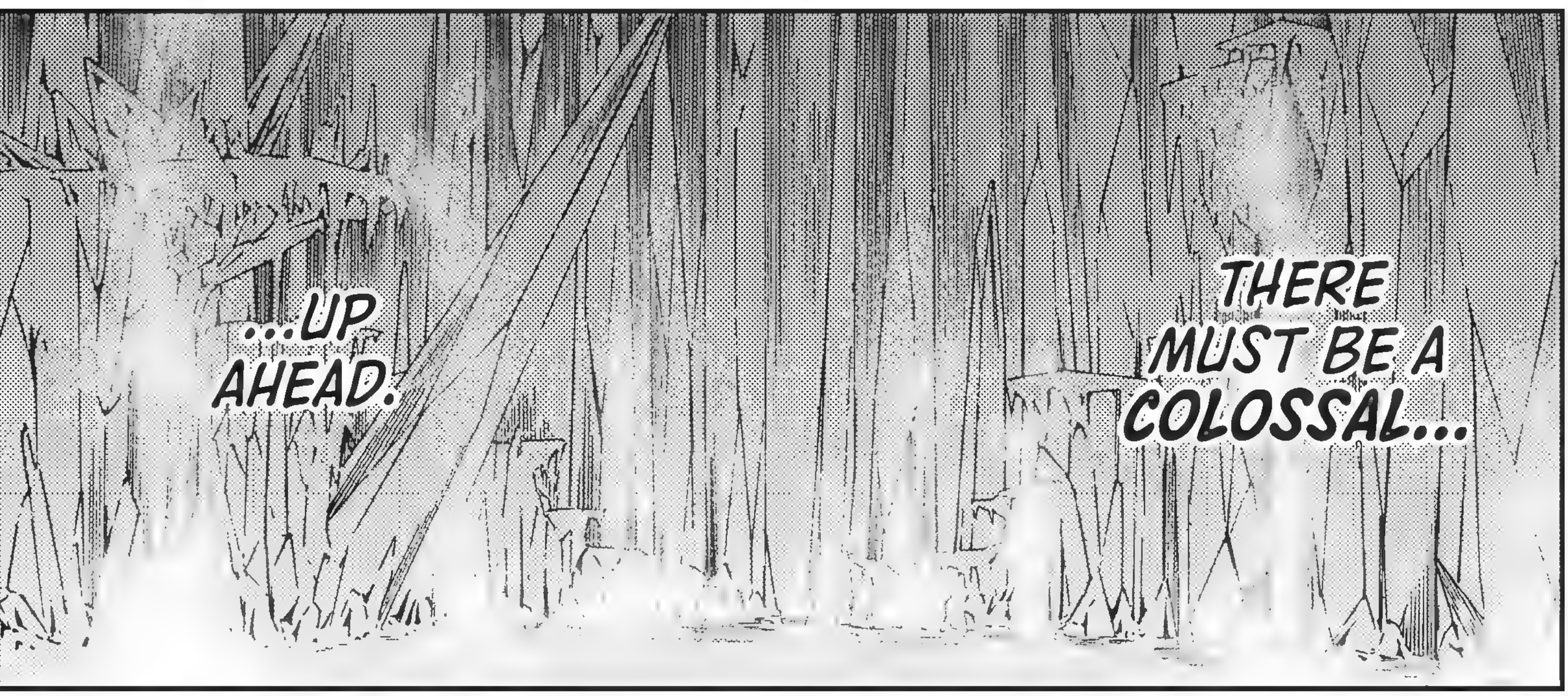
...UP AHEAD.
THERE MUST BE A COLOSSAL...

W-WAIT A MINUTE! YOU CAN'T USE MAGIC!
HOW CAN YOU KNOW ANY OF THIS?!

A C-CO-LOSSAL?
YEAH.
PROBABLY SOMEWHERE YOUR SEARCH SPELLS CAN'T REACH.

MAGIC IS GREAT, BUT IT'S NOT ALL-POWERFUL.

GRAB

ESPECIALLY NOT IN THE DUNGEON.

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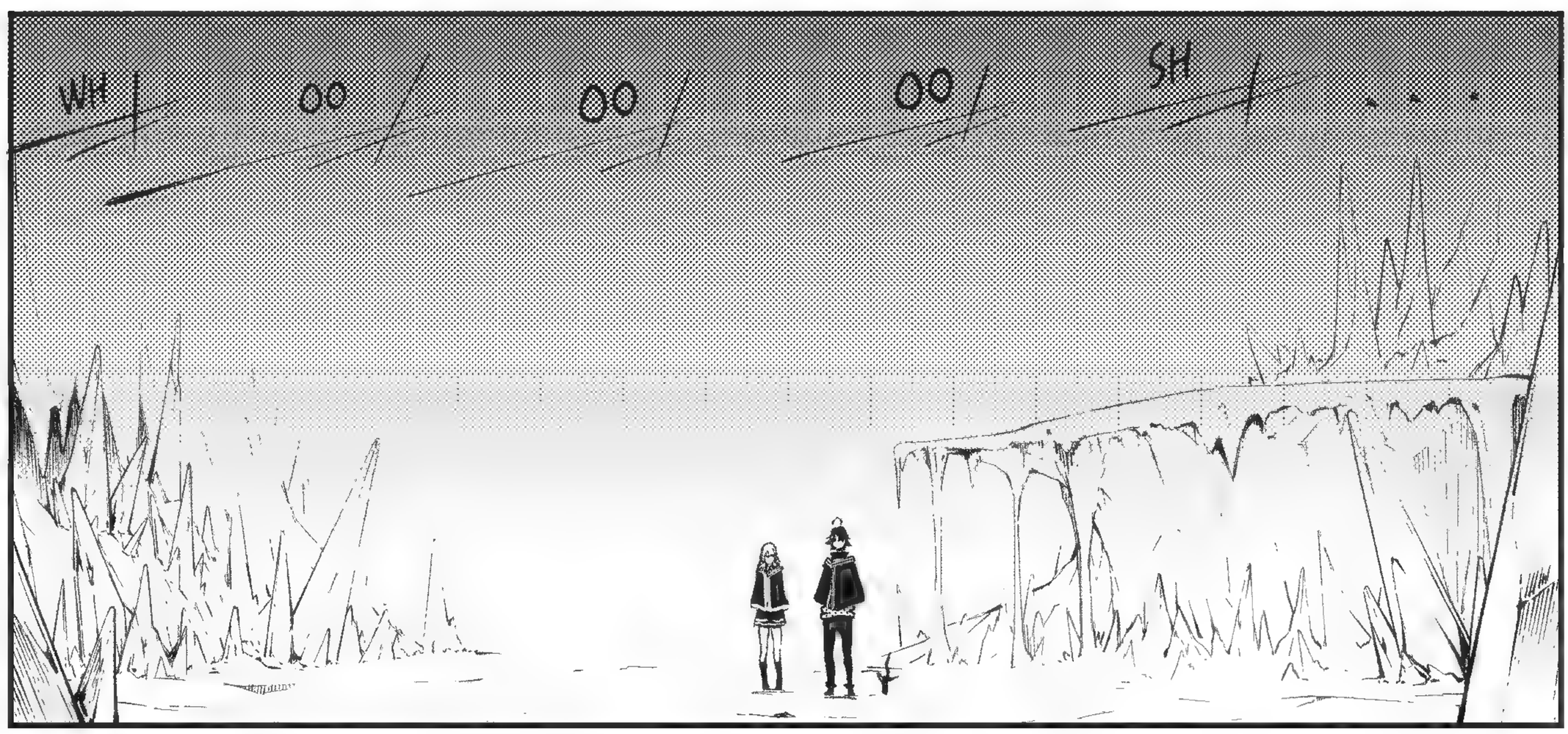
BESIDES...

...I CAN MAKE UP FOR IT WITH WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE.

...EVEN IF I AM A NO-TALENT...



...I MAKE IT MY MISSION TO MASTER IT.
IF I DON'T KNOW SOMETHING...

WHAM
THAT'S...
WHA–

I KNEW IT.
IT'S A COLOS-SAL.
...A FROST REX!

Historia
Wand and Sword

THAT'S...
WHA–

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W-WAIT!

PHYSICAL ATTACKS WON'T WORK ON A FROST REX!

STAY HERE, IRIS.

THMP
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SH

THE ONLY THING THAT WILL WORK ON IT IS RANGED MAGIC!

THAT THING IS A DWARF KILLER! YOU'LL GET FROZEN IF IT SO MUCH AS TOUCHES YOU!

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU!

ZSH

I'VE BEATEN THIS GUY...

DON'T WORRY.

...A BUNCH OF TIMES ALREADY!
FWOOSH
ZSH

BOOM

KA-
BOO
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OOM
WHAM
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

WHIP
KA-CHK
チャキ
GRR
WHOOSH
WHOOSH

DUN
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A FROST REX...

...IS WEAK AGAINST...

...FIRE...

...AND BOMBS.

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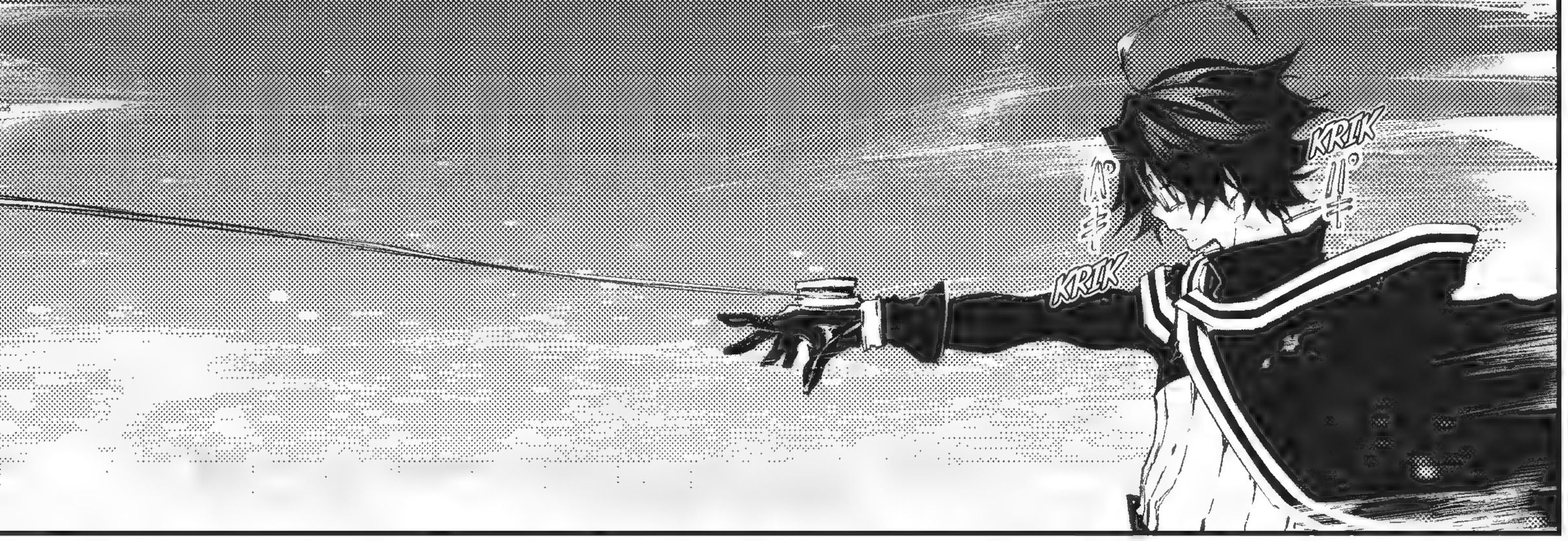
KRIK
KRIK

KRAK
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FWOOM

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
TORUS NAVALDE!

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CLATR
ガラ
CLATR
ガラ
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ガラ
CLATR

WHRR
チュイル
WHRR
チュイル
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Woo!
All right! わっ

I'LL BE SURE TO THANK HIM LATER!
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON ROSTI'S MAGIC ITEMS!
CATCH UP

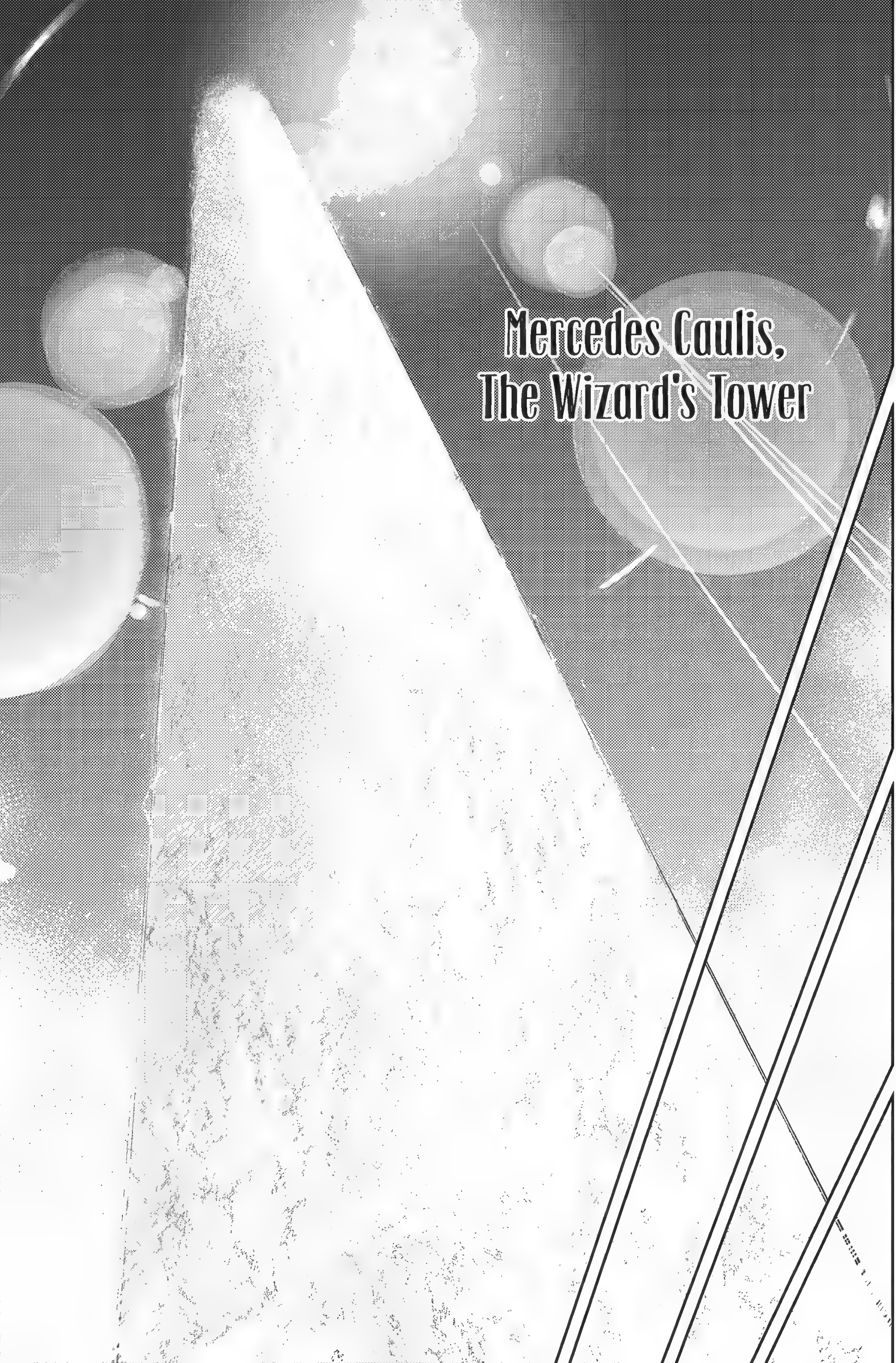
I SEE... SO THIS IS THE NO-TALENT...
HMM
...BETWEEN RUMORS AND REALITY.
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S QUITE A GAP...

IRIS!

HOW SHOULD I REPORT THIS...?

WE GOT A TON OF CORES, SO LET'S HEAD BACK!

OKAY! ♪


Mercedes Caulis,
The Wizard's Tower

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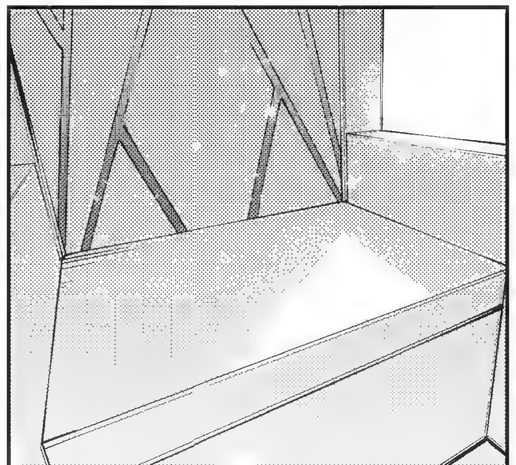
WHAT HE LACKS IN MAGICAL ABILITY, HE MAKES UP FOR IN INGENUITY...

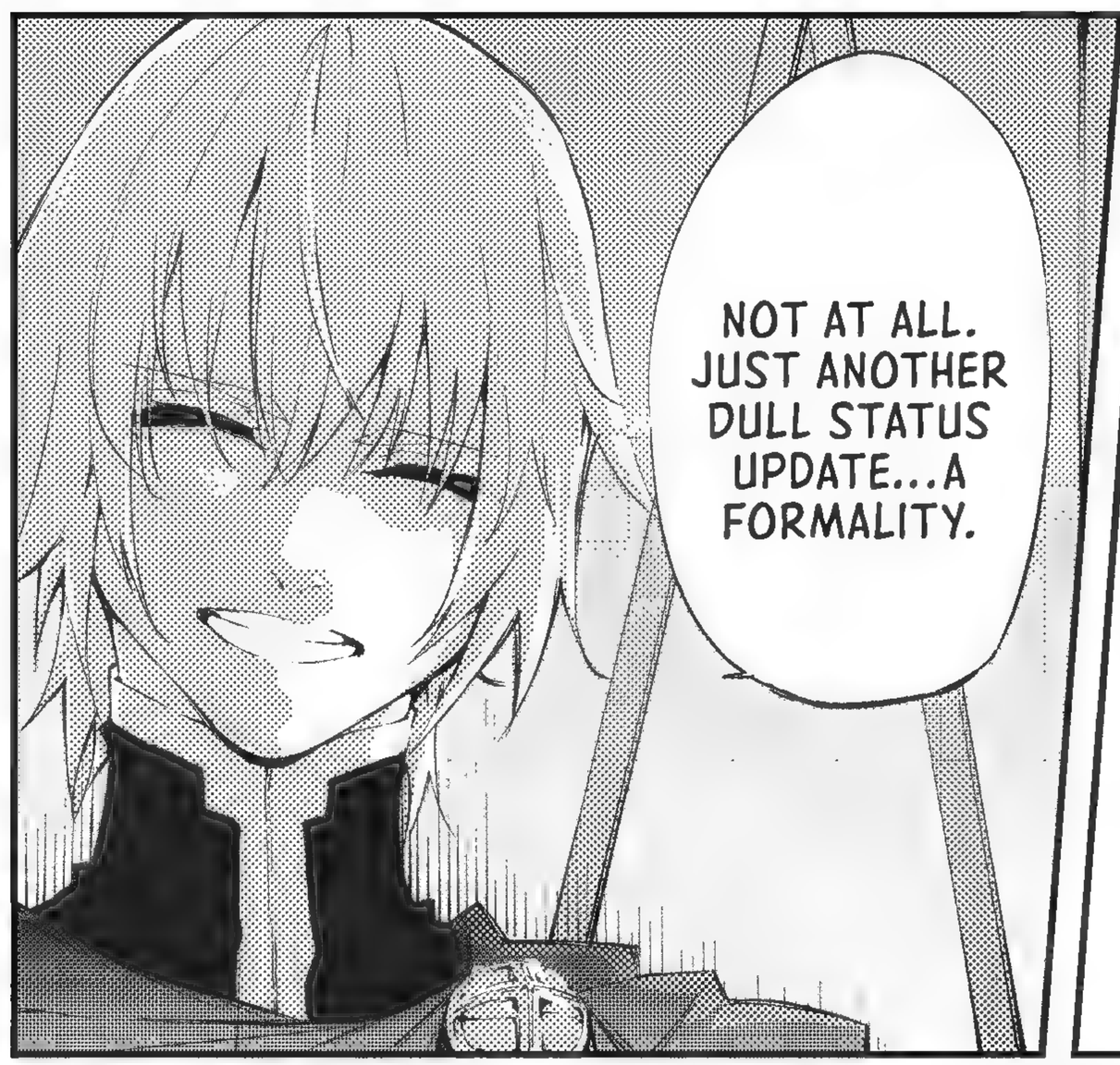
SWISH

...AND THE SORT OF BATTLE SENSE THAT CAN ONLY COME FROM EXPERIENCE...

HE'S A TALENTED WARRIOR AND SWORDSMAN.
IT'S TRUE. HE'S NO MAGE.
MAY I HAVE A MOMENT OF YOUR TIME?
EXCUSE ME.

The Magia
Vander





IF THE BARRIER WERE TO BE BREACHED NOW...

...THE ENTIRE WORLD WOULD BE DESTROYED.

I'LL BET THAT DAMNED ***CELESTIAL HOST*** IS JUST SITTING ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SKY BARRIER, WATCHING US.

WE HAVEN'T GOT THE NUMBERS OR THE STRENGTH TO FIGHT 'EM!

WE REQUIRE MORE ELITE MAGES FOR THE ***FATED DAY.***

WE WILL NOT ALLOW ***THE LORE*** TO BECOME REALITY.

WELL, ***WATCHER?!*** DID YOU FIND ANYONE WORTH OUR TIME?!

MY SEARCH AT THE ACADEMY IS ONGOING, BUT I DID DISCOVER AN INTERESTING PROSPECT.

...BY THE NAME OF WILL SERFORT.
HE IS A MAGIC-LESS NO-TALENT...
I RECOMMEND THAT HE BE BROUGHT INTO THE TOWER'S SERVICE.

NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

LEAVE US.

OUT OF THE QUESTION.

GET *OVER* YOURSELVES!

I'LL HAVE NO MORE RIFFRAFF HERE AMONG US. I SIMPLY COULDN'T BEAR IT.

BZZT
HELL, I'D EVEN TAKE A DWARF IF HE'S ANY GOOD!
YOU'RE SHAMELESS... HOW DID A BARBARIAN LIKE YOU EVER COME TO SIT HERE?
CLAP
IN ANY CASE, THERE'S NO NEED TO BE HASTY.
ENOUGH, BOTH OF YOU.

SURELY, WE CAN WAIT TO SEE HOW THAT PLAYS OUT BEFORE MAKING A DECISION.

THE *GRAND MAGIC FESTIVAL* IS ALMOST UPON US.

AND IF THEY DON'T, THEN THEY CAN JUST SINK BACK DOWN.

YEAH. *SOME* TALENT SHOULD FLOAT TO THE TOP, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

HMPH.

CRACKLE

SHOOM

WELL, THIS MEETING WAS A WHOLE LOT OF NOTHING. I'M OUTTA HERE.

WOOM

SHOOM

THAT BOY YOU TOLD ME ABOUT... HE SEEMS LIKE QUITE THE FIND...

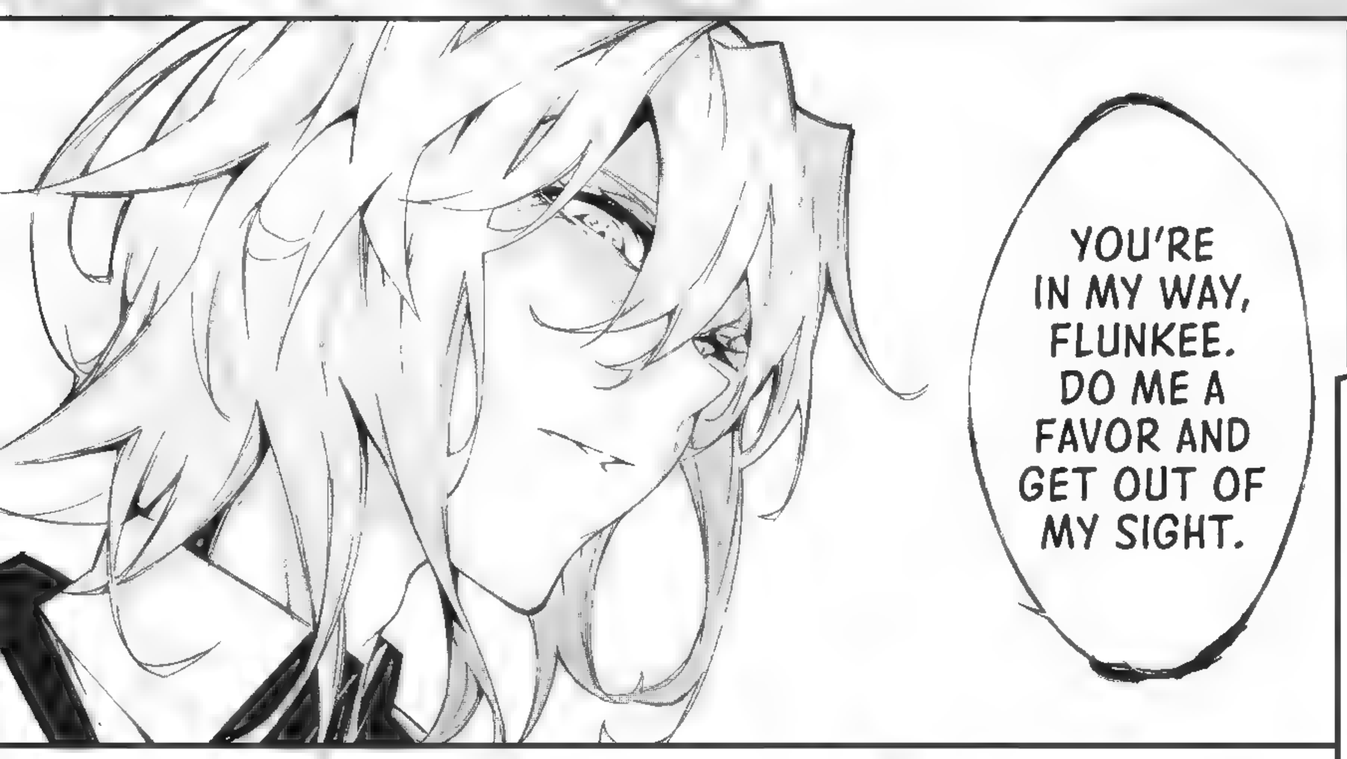
...LADY ELFARIA.

Continued in Volume 2!

LET THE GRAND MAGIC FESTIVAL BEGIN!

It's time for the Academy's long-awaited biannual celebration.

Students from each of the five school factions come together in the hope of getting scouted by the Magia Vander. With the other students locked in a battle of magical ability, is there a way forward for a no-talent like Will?



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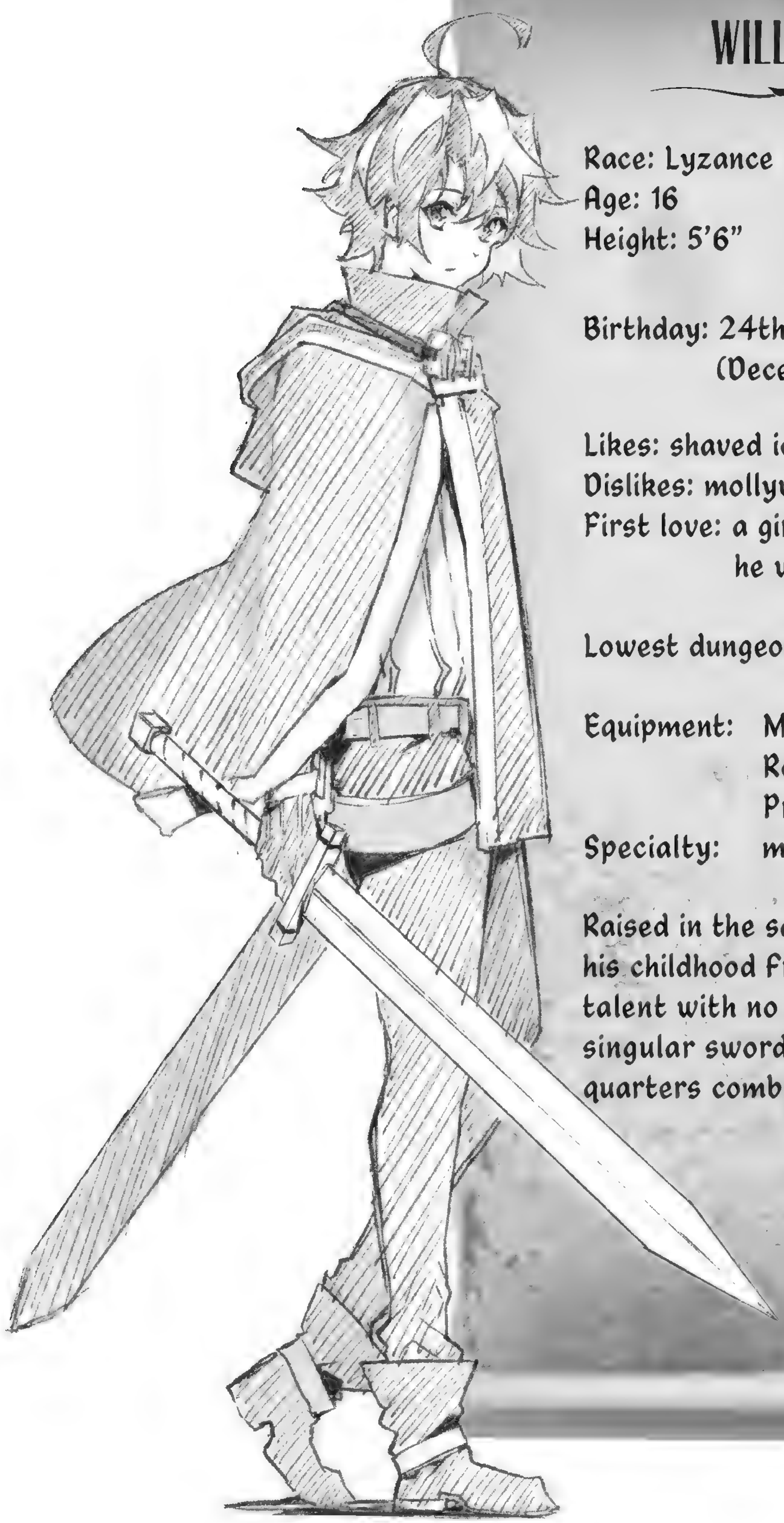


WILL SERFORT

Race: Lyzance
Age: 16
Height: 5'6"

Birthday: 24th of Ellsmoon
(December 24th, in our world)

Likes: shaved ice
Dislikes: mollywort
First love: a girl he knew when he was a child

Lowest dungeon floor reached: [redacted]* 7th

Equipment: Moria silver sword
Rosti's quality battlegarb
Promise goggles

Specialty: magic-piercing sword attacks

Raised in the same orphanage as Elfaria, his childhood friend. Despite being a no-talent with no magical ability, he is a singular swordsman skilled in close-quarters combat.

*This appears to have been scribbled out by Workner.

ELFARIA ALBIS SERFORT

Race: Lyzance
Age: 16
Height: 5'4"

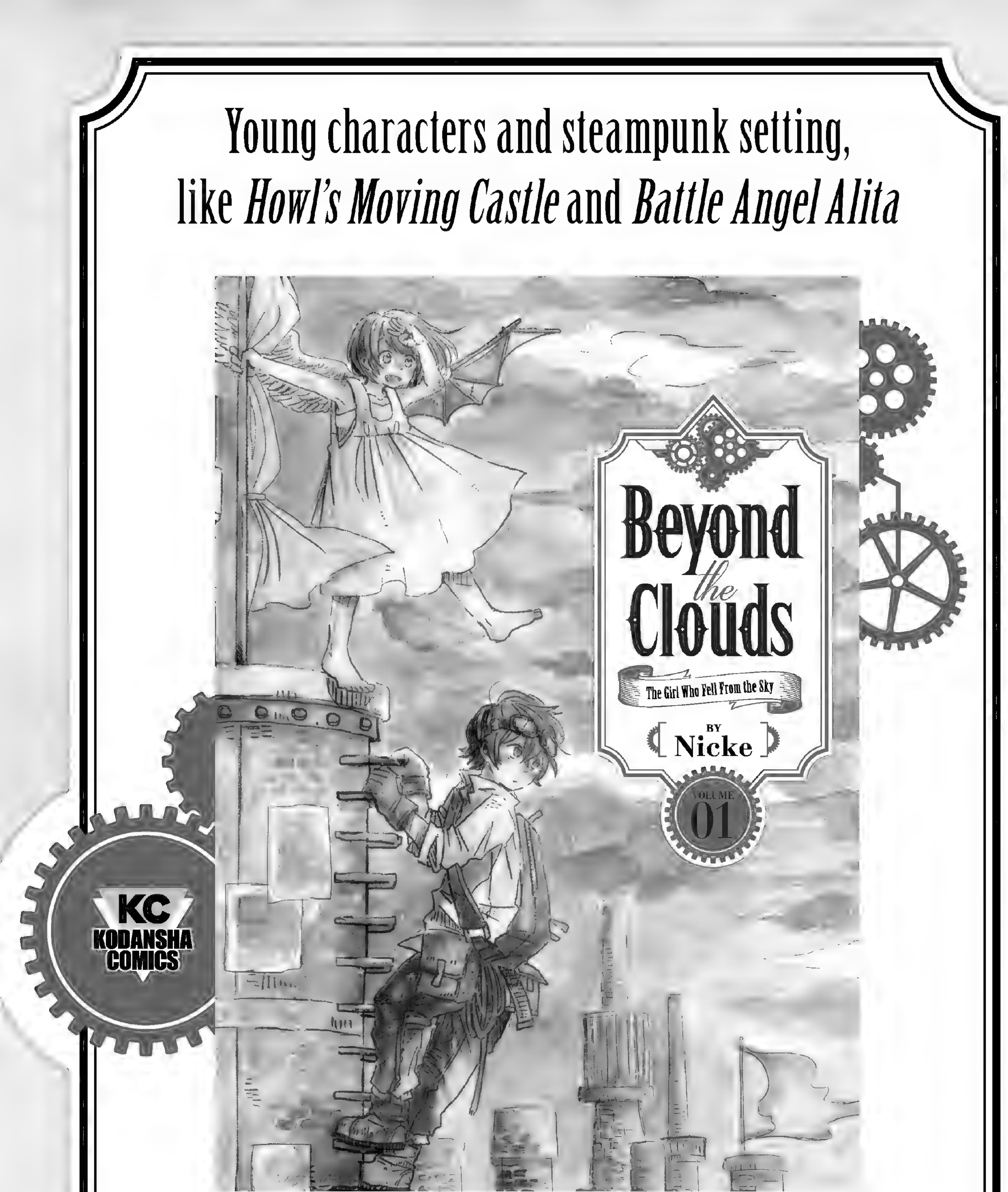
Birthday: 24th of Ellsmoon
(December 24th, in our world)

Likes: Will's homemade salad, laying her head in Will's lap, Will's sleeping face, Will's scent, Will's
Dislikes: spicy foods
First love: Will Serfort
Lowest dungeon floor reached: 37th

Equipment: Albis Vina (Ice Staff)
Diamond-dust robe
Specialty: most water and ice magic
Elgras Frose (Twelve Secret Ice Magics)

A true prodigy and the youngest Magia Vander in history, she watches over a certain young man from her windowsill in the Tower. Those close to her say she is an easygoing Magia Vander who likes to play the saint.

Young characters and steampunk setting, like *Howl's Moving Castle* and *Battle Angel Alita*



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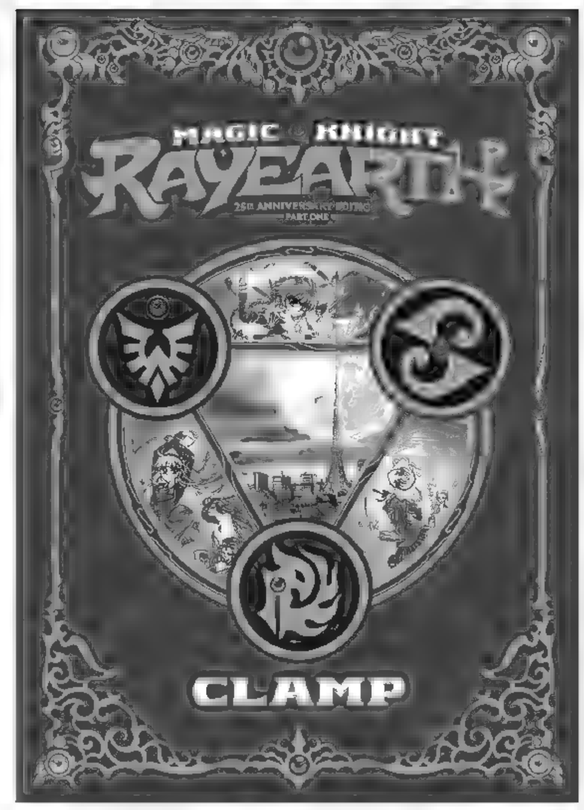

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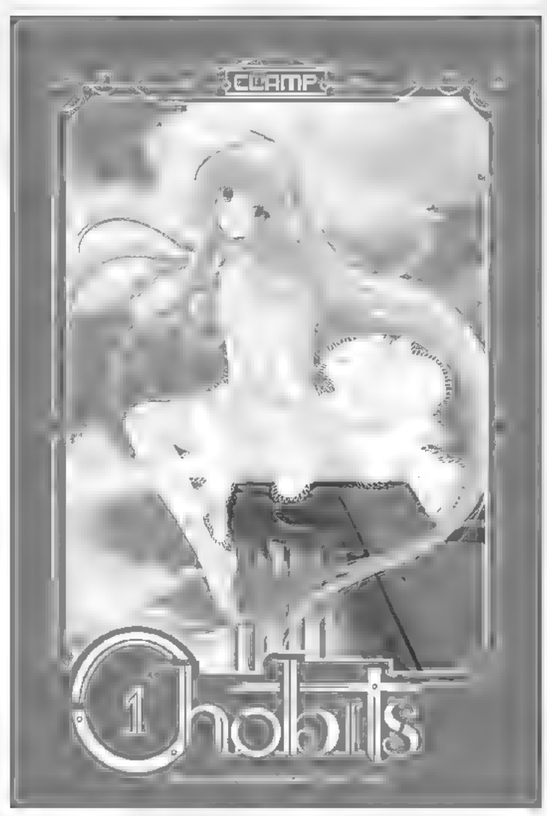

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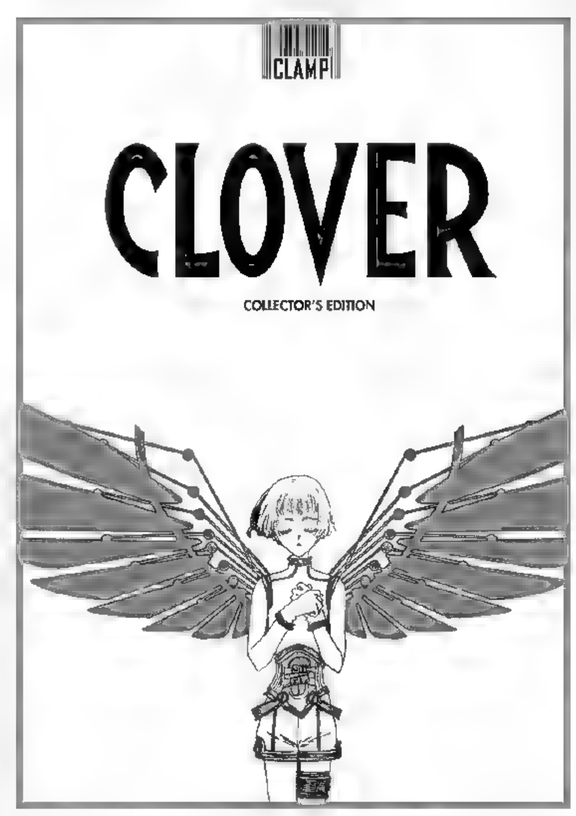

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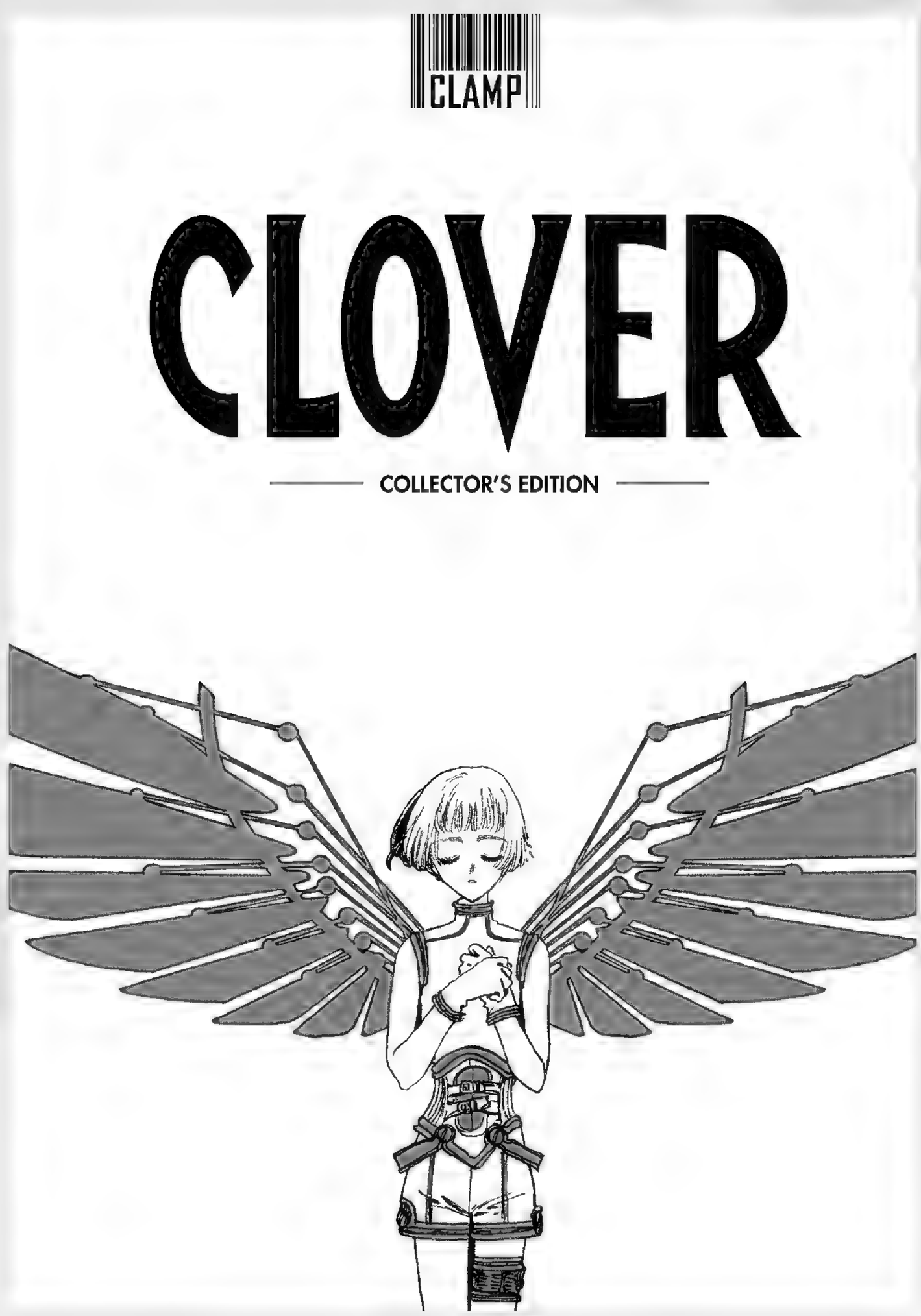


Su was born into a bleak future, where the government keeps tight control over children with magical powers—codenamed "Clovers." With Su being the only "four-leaf" Clover in the world, she has been kept isolated nearly her whole life. Can ex-military agent Kazuhiko deliver her to the happiness she seeks? Experience the complete series in this hardcover edition, which also includes over twenty pages of ravishing color art!

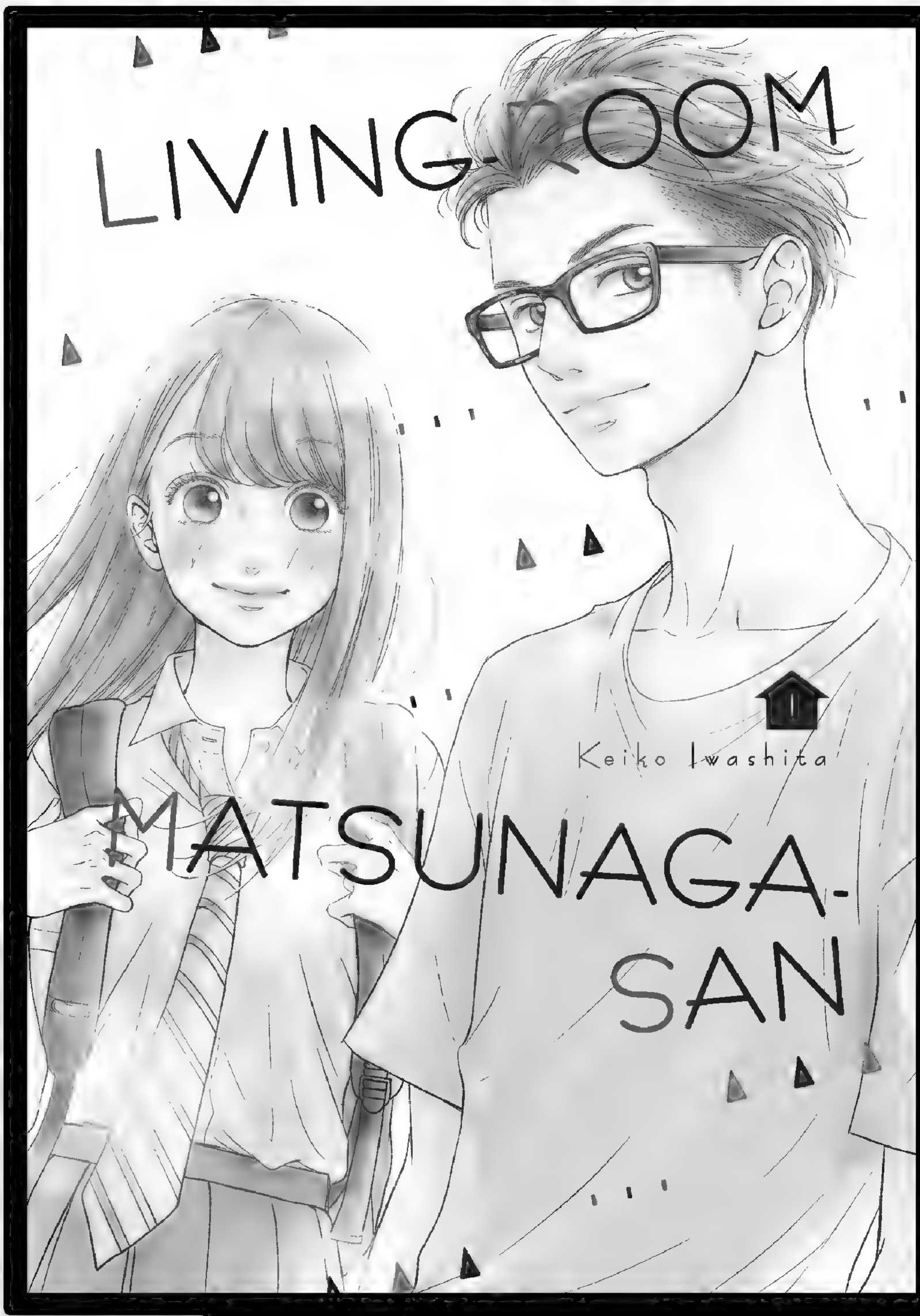
Knight of the Ice ©Yayoi Ogawa/Kodansha Ltd

SKATING THRILLS AND ICY CHILLS WITH THIS NEW TINGLY ROMANCE SERIES!

A rom-com on ice, perfect for fans of *Princess Jellyfish* and *Wotakoi*. Kokoro is the talk of the figure-skating world, winning trophies and hearts. But little do they know... he's actually a huge nerd! From the beloved creator of *You're My Pet* (*Tramps Like Us*).

Chitose is a serious young woman, working for the health magazine *SASSO*. Or at least, she would be, if she wasn't constantly getting distracted by her childhood friend, international figure skating star Kokoro Kijinami! In the public eye and on the ice, Kokoro is a gallant, flawless knight, but behind his glittery costumes and breathtaking spins lies a secret: He's actually a hopelessly romantic otaku, who can only land his quad jumps when Chitose is on hand to recite a spell from his favorite magical girl anime!

A SMART, NEW ROMANTIC COMEDY FOR FANS OF *SHORTCAKE CAKE* AND *TERRACE HOUSE*!



Living-Room Matsunaga-san © Keiko Iwashita / Kodansha Ltd.

A romance manga starring high school girl Meeko, who learns to live on her own in a boarding house whose living room is home to the odd (but handsome) Matsunaga-san. She begins to adjust to her new life away from her parents, but Meeko soon learns that no matter how far away from home she is, she's still a young girl at heart — especially when she finds herself falling for Matsunaga-san.

PERFECT WORLD

Rie Aruga

An office party reunites Tsugumi with her high school crush Itsuki. He's realized his dream of becoming an architect, but along the way, he experienced a spinal injury that put him in a wheelchair. Now Tsugumi's rekindled feelings will butt up against prejudices she never considered — and Itsuki will have to decide if he's ready to let someone into his heart...

"Depicts with great delicacy and courage the difficulties some with disabilities experience getting involved in romantic relationships... Rie Aruga refuses to romanticize, pushing her heroine to face the reality of disability. She invites her readers to the same tasks of empathy, knowledge and recognition."
—Slate.fr

"An important entry [in manga romance]... The emotional core of both plot and characters indicates thoughtfulness... [Aruga's] research is readily apparent in the text and artwork, making this feel like a real story."
—Anime News Network

Perfect World © Rie Aruga/Kodansha Ltd.

The boys are back, in 400-page hardcovers that are as pretty and badass as they are!

Saiyuki © Kazuya Minakura / Ichijinsha Inc.

"AN EDGY COMIC LOOK AT AN ANCIENT CHINESE TALE." —YALSA

Genjo Sanzo is a Buddhist priest in the city of Togenkyo, which is being ravaged by yokai spirits that have fallen out of balance with the natural order. His superiors send him on a journey far to the west to discover why this is happening and how to stop it. His companions are three yokai with human souls. But this is no day trip — the four will encounter many discoveries and horrors on the way.

FEATURES NEW TRANSLATION, COLOR PAGES, AND BEAUTIFUL WRAPAROUND COVER ART!

Something's Wrong With Us

NATSUMI ANDO

The dark, psychological, sexy shojo series readers have been waiting for!

A spine-chilling and steamy romance between a Japanese sweets maker and the man who framed her mother for murder!

Following in her mother's footsteps, Nao became a traditional Japanese sweets maker, and with unparalleled artistry and a bright attitude, she gets an offer to work at a world-class confectionary company. But when she meets the young, handsome owner, she recognizes his cold stare...

KC KODANSHA COMICS

The adorable new odd-couple cat comedy manga from the creator of the beloved *Chi's Sweet Home*, in full color!

Praise for *Chi's Sweet Home*

"Nearly impossible to turn away... a true all-ages title that anyone, young or old, cat lover or not, will enjoy. The stories will bring a smile to your face and warm your heart."

—School Library Journal

Sue & Tai-chan

Konami Kanata

Sue is an aging housecat who's looking forward to living out her life in peace... but her plans change when the mischievous black tomcat Tai-chan enters the picture! Hey! Sue never signed up to be a catsitter! *Sue & Tai-chan* is the latest from the reigning meow-narch of cute kitty comics, Konami Kanata.

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THE SWEET SCENT OF LOVE IS IN THE AIR! FOR FANS OF OFFBEAT ROMANCES LIKE *WOTAKOI*

Sweat and Soap © Kintetsu Yamada / Kodansha Ltd.

In an office romance, there's a fine line between sexy and awkward... and that line is where Asako — a woman who sweats copiously — meets Koutarou — a perfume developer who can't get enough of Asako's, er, scent. Don't miss a romcom manga like no other!

CUTE ANIMALS AND LIFE LESSONS, PERFECT FOR ASPIRING PET VETS OF ALL AGES!

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KC KODANSHA COMICS

For an 11-year-old, Yuzu has a lot on her plate. When her mom gets sick and has to be hospitalized, Yuzu goes to live with her uncle who runs the local veterinary clinic. Yuzu's always been scared of animals, but she tries to help out. Through all the tough moments in her life, Yuzu realizes that she can help make things all right with a little help from her animal pals, peers, and kind grown-ups.

Every new patient is a furry friend in the making!

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